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THE BURGHERS

OF NEW AMSTERDAM

AND

THE FREEMEN

OF NEW YORK.

1675 —— 1866.

PREFATORY NOTE.

THE "Freedom" of a city is the right of enjoying all the privileges and immunities belonging to it, to the exclusion of all who are not "Freemen." In cities, municipal corporations, and boroughs, it was obtained, either by serving an apprenticeship for a certain time, or by the payment of money in such amounts as were fixed by the corporate authorities under their charters; and it was also conferred, in their discretion, by a vote, as a municipal compliment or honor.

In Holland, and in England, or rather in Great Britain, in former days, the "Freedom of a city," or other corporation was a most valuable and important privilege and monopoly. For none but its possessors could practice trades, or do any mercantile business in the place, possess the right of suffrage, or be eligible to election to public office, or other civic honors.

In Holland it was termed "Burgher Recht," *or Burgher Right, and was of two classes, "Great Burgher Right" and "Small Burgher Right," according to the amounts of money paid and privileges granted. The Great Burgher Right was also conferred,* ex-officio, *upon the magistrates, the Dutch clergy, and the high civil, and military, officers of the city or state. As such it was established and existed under the Dutch government in New Amsterdam in New Netherland.*

When the English succeeded the Dutch in that province, the English form was established therein, by the English charters of the city of New York, under the

clauses granting the privilege of conferring the "Freedom of the City" upon such terms and conditions as its corporate authorities might fix.

This volume contains for the first time all the official Dutch and English Records now remaining relating to this subject, arranged under four heads:—

I. The Burgher Right.

II. The Roll of Freeman.

III. Appendix to the Roll of Freemen.

IV. Indentures of Apprenticeship, 1694 to 1708.

Together with a very full Index, of the names of all the Burghers Great and Small, the Freemen of all classes, the officers and magistrates conferring the Rights and Freedoms, and of the documents relating to the same.

Under the first head will be found the documents and official papers of the Director General and Council of New Amsterdam, and of the Burgomasters and Schepens, establishing the Great and Small Burgher Rights in that city, with their respective privileges powers and duties. These are translated from the originals preserved in the City Records in the City Hall in New York, and in the Archives of the State in Albany; the former translated, but not printed, by the late eminent archivist Edmund B. O'Callaghan, M.D., and the latter by his successor Mr. B. F. Fernow. Every paper, document, and name, that has been preserved to this time relating to this subject, from the first movement for Burgher Rights in 1648 to the end of the Dutch dominion, will, it is believed, be here found.

The second head contains the "Roll of Freemen" of the City of New York under its English charters, from 1675 to 1776, when that of 1730 was suspended, and the city ruled by the "Military Courts of Police" established by the British Commanders-in-Chief; and the continuation of the same from and after the revival of that charter in 1784 and civic action under it. This "Roll of Freemen" gives the names, occupations, and employments, of the free inhabitants of New York

during the century preceding the Revolution, with the dates, and the Mayoralties, when, and under which, they were for the first time respectively made such "Freemen." It is printed from the official Roll preserved in the City Records, and is in fact an authentic, official, directory of New York and New Yorkers during that period; and throws a strong clear light upon the persons, and social, and business, standing of those "Freemen," many of whose descendants are among the citizens of New York at this day.

In the "Appendix to the Roll of Freemen," forming the third head above mentioned, are printed in full the names of all persons, officials, and others, who for any reason, during the period between 1675 and 1776, were "voted the Freedom of the City," either as an acknowledgment of special services to the City, or as a municipal compliment and honor, with all the official proceedings in each instance. They are printed in full as recorded officially at their respective dates, and are of very great interest, and of importance to the correct understanding of New York history under the English Colonial rule. In consequence of their fulness and length it was deemed best to print them separately, rather than to break the continuity of the "Roll of Freemen" by inserting them at their respective dates, as they appear in the volumes of the City Records.

From 1784 to 1816 when the creation of Freemen under the charter ceased, without any formal action, the Roll is continued of names occupations and dates as before. This has been a matter of difficulty owing to the fact that the official roll between those dates has disappeared, and the information had to be collected from the official records of the Mayor's Court, the Court of Common Pleas, and the proceedings of the Common Council; a fact which has caused much delay in the issuing of this volume. In this portion of the Roll, however, all the special, and complimentary, elections of Freemen are inserted at their respective dates in full with all the proceedings in each case. The

printing at their dates of these papers in the complimentary elections last referred to was adopted, as from 1816 down, the only elections of Freemen that have been made are purely of that character, the last being that of President Andrew Johnson in 1866, and it seemed best that they should appear chronologically.

In 1804, after a fierce contest beginning in 1802, was passed an act of the Legislature which conferred the right of suffrage upon freeholders in the City, who were not freemen under the charter, thus interfering with the charter's privileges. The contest grew out of the Federal and Antifederal politics of the time and was bitter. The letters and communications on both sides in the papers of the day, and the formal proceedings of the Legislature, and the act itself, have been reprinted under this head, as of great historic interest. The last Freemen were chosen in 1815, since which date none have been admitted.

To be admitted as a "Burgher" "Great" or "Small," or as a "Freeman," the applicant had to be chosen by the city authorities, take an oath of fidelity to the city, pay the prescribed fees, and be duly registered. The only exception was in the case of Apprentices who had served seven years. Hence, closely connected with the Freemen under the charter, were their Apprentices, and the system of binding them out then in vogue. For every apprentice upon duly attaining the end of his apprenticeship was entitled to, and did become a "Freeman" without the payment of any fees, and able to practise his trade or occupation in the city, and vote, and be eligible to office therein. Registers of their indentures were required by law to be kept, in which these were recorded at length. In 1740, on the death of William Sharpas, the Clerk of the Common Council, among the volumes of records received by his successor from his widow, were four volumes of these Apprenticeship Registers. They have never been mentioned by writers on the City's history. And now only one of them is to be found among the Records at the City

Hall. This covers from February 1694 to January 1708. It is here printed under the fourth head. These indentures varied a little, and one of each kind is printed in full for comparison. In all the other instances an abstract of each only is given, but with the names and occupations of the parties, and the dates in full. They are of great interest, showing who and what the masters and mistresses were, and who were the City officials who passed upon each case; and cast a bright light on the business and trade methods of New York under William and Mary and Queen Anne.

This volume will be of rare value to historical students and writers, as well as searchers in New York genealogies.

For courteous facilities in its preparation the thanks of the Committee on Publications are due to the Clerk of the Common Council, Captain Francis J. Twomey, who for thirty-five years past has been in charge of the ancient records of the City of New York, and their careful, intelligent, and ever-watchful guardian.

EDWARD F. DE LANCEY.

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THE BURGHER RIGHT.

In Council at Fort Amsterdam the 18th. of September, 1648.

Whereas the Honorable Director General and Council have seen, and by experience remarked, that several of the Scotch Merchants and Petty Traders who from time to time come over in the ships from Fatherland, do and aim at nothing else than solely to spoil trade and business by their underselling; they dispose of their goods with the utmost speed; give 11 and 12 guilders in loose Wampum for one Beaver, and when sold out go back again in the ships of the same year in which they come, without bestowing or conferring any benefit on the Country, all the burdens whereof, on the contrary, the inhabitants who own property must bear.

Therefore, to prevent such destroyers of trade, it is judged proper and profitable for New Netherland and the inhabitants thereof, and it is Ordained, that henceforth those Merchants, Scots and Petty Traders who come over in any ships from *Patria* with intention to trade here, either with Christians or Heathens, by the large and small measure, ell and weight, shall not be permitted to carry on any business in the least on shore here unless they take up their abode here in New Netherland three consecutive years, and in addition build in this city, New Amsterdam, a decent citizen dwelling, each according to his circumstances and means; all Merchants and others who oblige themselves to transact business in a citizen house and to

remain three years in the country shall be admitted, and none else, the Skipper or Merchant of his own or of his master's ship alone excepted, but these shall not be at liberty to keep any shop on shore.

Thus done in the presence of the Honorable Director General, Mr. Dincklagen, Mr. La Montague, Briant Nuton and Paulus Leendersten, this 18th. of September, Anno 1648, New Amsterdam.

State Archives, Albany.

Directors of the West India Company to Director General and Council, dated Amsterdam, 12th. March, 1654.

With regard to the Edict drawn up by you, that no Traders shall sell their merchandises by the small measure, weight and ell, or convey them into the interior, unless they settle in the country with a decent house or bouwery, and reside there three consecutive years, we can well consider that such transient Traders are bringing by their extortion little profit to the inhabitants there; but the remedy your Honors propose to prevent it, we judge to be impracticable, especially in the very beginning of a first-budding State, whose growth must be sought for in, and founded rather on, fostered and unlimited Freedoms, than on compulsory restrictions. For to desire to constrain people by obligation to possess houses or lands, who often have thereunto neither opportunity nor inclination, is too disgusting, and to force them to reside, too servile and slavish; yet, in order to benefit the inhabitants as much as possible, we have judged that it would be proper, and also less dangerous to the advancement of the State, to enact and resolve as follows, viz.:

That henceforth no Traders coming over there shall be allowed to sell their goods as aforesaid, or to carry them inland, unless they keep an open store there. By this means, then, not only will extortions be in a great degree prevented there, but such Traders will also be

obliged to bear the ordinary and extraordinary taxes and contributions, the same as the rest of our inhabitants. Your Honors will therefore regulate yourselves accordingly. We will also warn you, before quitting this subject, not to enact, in future, any more such or similar Ordinances or regulations, much less to publish them, before you shall have first received our instructions thereon, as we find such to be for the greatest advantage of the Company and this State in particular.

State Archives, Albany.

At a meeting of the Burgomasters and Schepens, held 22d. January, 1657.

The Honorable President submits a certain draft of a petition to be presented to the Director and Council, which being looked into, examined and considered, it was resolved to deliver the same to the Director General and Council, as follows:

To the Honorable Lords, the Honorable Director General and Supreme Council of New Netherland.

The undersigned Petitioners, in their quality as Burgomasters and Schepens of this City, remonstrate with due respect that they find daily increasing the multitude of Scotsmen [Peddlers] who repair over and hither here every year in the ships from Fatherland, who, on arriving here, unwilling for the most part to sell their goods, proceed immediately to Fort Orange or to some other place, and having finished their trade go away back again on the first opportunity, so that this place not only does not derive any profit from such persons, but this good Commonalty suffers, on the contrary, great injury thereby, as even the provisions which come last summer from *Patria* must be received from Fort Orange, because the trade there was much better than in this place. Which commerce is in direct violation of the 12th. Article of the Freedoms which the

Honorable Lords Patroons granted to this place, by which article the said Lords decide that the Staple of the whole of New Netherland shall be on the Island of Manhattans, in as much as the said Lords Majors have reserved this Island for their own Colony. It being also taken in consideration the Burdens which their Commonalty have to bear in this City and the Services which they have rendered as well in the time of the English troubles as in those which happened in other occasions, in which they always evinced their willingness. So that for this reason and in order to animate them the more, it would be very proper, in their opinions, to favor them with some privileges. And whereas Burgher Right is one of the most important privileges in a well governed city, the Petitioners therefore humbly request Your Honors to be pleased to grant the privilege that no man shall be able to prosecute public trading here unless such as are known as City Burghers; also that persons who are not settled residents here shall not be allowed to trade to any quarter here about without this place, together with what your Honors may be pleased kindly to grant in addition to Your Honors Subjects; also to be pleased to order how much those shall give to this City, who come from *Patria* or any other places to reside and carry on trade here, to purchase their citizenship. Awaiting hereupon Your Honors favorable disposition we remain

Your Honors Subjects
The Burgomasters and Schepens of the City
Amsterdam in New Netherland.

By order of the same,
Jacob Kip, Sec'y.

Done this 22nd. Jan'y 1657. at
the Court in the City Hall
at Amsterdam in N. Nd.

City Records.

In Council at Fort Amsterdam the 23d. of January, 1657.

Considerations and advice of the Honorable Director General concerning the Memorial of the Burgomasters and Schepens, submitted to this Board January 23d, 1657.

The petition in its prologue, arguments and conclusions contains the following points, which require consideration:

I. The damage suffered by permanent and established inhabitants in the interior trade through peddlers [Schots] travelling up and down, implies by supposition a request for redress, and a remedy against it, as signified by the petitioners in the conclusion:

(1) By establishing the Burgher Right in this City.

(2) By allowing only such well known burghers to keep shop.

(3) By a further explanation of the restriction, that only burghers or permanent inhabitants and owners of real estate may trade at or go to other places in this government.

II. The arguments and motives hereto are drawn by petitioners

(1) From the troubles, labors and expenses, already borne by the citizens or inhabitants of this City during the English troubles and the last recontre with the natives, and to which they are subject on future occasions.

(2) From the benefits of the Stapleright, already granted to this place by their Honors.

The reasons adduced cannot be denied, much less controverted, and therefore it seems proper that this community and the inhabitants of this City should be favored with some privileges and encouraged to continue, considering what they have done in the English and Indian troubles and what they may have to do at some future time, as this place, being the principal capital and frontier place, will always have to bear the brunt of the first and most frequent attacks, and is therefore

liable to be subjected to a great deal of labor, troubles and expenses ; but whether the request of the petitioners can be granted in this way or whether it agrees with the advice and decision of their Honors and with the population of the country, which requires special attention, is duly considered, only the one point more than the other.

As to the first point, to wit, the Burgher Right, and that only men, known as burghers, may keep open shops or trade elsewhere in the province, it is apparently opposing the order and letter from the Lords Directors of the 12th. of March, 1654 ; only the latter more than the former, which says that the engagement of house and lands is repugnant, while to compel them to remain, is slavery. It is therefore my opinion, that we keep as close as possible to the advice and letter of their Honors, to wit, that we consider and resolve, that henceforth no newly arriving traders, let them be skippers, sailors or peddlers [Schotsen], or whatever they may be called, shall be allowed to sell, transport or export into the country their merchandise, unless they have first kept shop in this City, either in their own or a leased house or room, as the trader may find most convenient, without engaging himself to buy real estate or remain longer than he likes. As to the last point, only in extreme necessity and for the preservation of the country and then not longer, as it is done at home.

Whereas it is required for the keeping of an open shop that the trader have the Burgher Right, conform to the customs of the Fatherland, where in all well governed cities the right to keep an open shop is granted only to men who have the burgher or *poorter* [freeman's] right and thus are, by an oath of fealty, bound to the place, keep fire and light there either in their own or in a rented house or room, take their turns of watching and bear all usual expenses of citizens.

Therefore all arriving traders shall henceforth, before they are allowed to keep open shop, request from the

Burgomasters and Schepens the Burgher Right, on condition of duly paying for it, taking the oath of fidelity to the supreme government of Director General and Council of New Netherland as burghers and freemen [*poorters*]; this done, they shall be allowed to open shop either in a purchased or a rented house, there keep fire and light, and they shall not be prevented or forbidden to trade and traffic, like other burghers, freemen and inhabitants of this province, within and without the boundaries of the same, in barks, yachts or other vessels, owned or hired by them; but by virtue of the Stapleright, as observed in the Fatherland, no goods or merchandise, coming either from the Fatherland or from neighboring places, shall be carried into the country in the ships, yachts or barks by which they were brought, except upon payment of Stapleright and freight.

Because no Burgher or Freeman right binds a man to his oath of fidelity for longer time than his convenience requires, because often, in fact usually, the traders, coming here, make or try to make it their convenience to depart with the ships, when the oath taken by them, guard duty and other burgher's burdens cease, and because, by virtue of the above order and letter of the Lords Directors, they cannot and ought not be compelled to remain, a too tyrannical proceeding, it is therefore my advice, that even though they may have acquired the Burgher or Freeman [*poorter*] right for the time of their sojourn here, they shall lose upon returning to the Fatherland, and upon coming back here they shall be held again to ask for and acquire it, first paying for it the dues as fixed, or keeping according to the common rule of our Fatherland fire and light at his domicil as burgher here during his absence.

P. Stuyvesant.

State Archives, Albany.

Advice given by Mr. Nicasius de Sille.

I say in regard to the request of the Honorable Burgomasters and Schepens, submitted to the Director General and Council yesterday, the 23d. of January, 1657, as follows:

First, said gentlemen speaking of the Stapleright of the whole New Netherland say, it should be only on the Island of Manhattans, which is a colony of the Lord Directors, and the peddling [Schotse] traders should not be allowed to pass this place, without having first paid Stapleright, for Article 9 of the City of Dort says:

"All goods and merchandise, subject to Stapleright and coming from above Dort, shall there be sold, either at wholesale or in parcels, as well those from without as from within the said City of Dort."

The petitioners understand it this way, and it is to be considered whether the Stapleright belongs to the Company or to the City, as long as the Lord Directors hold the Island as their Colony.

I further say, subject to correction, that such peddling or small traders should not be preferred to our land-holding inhabitants and allowed to go to the South River or Fort Orange before they, these peddlers, have offered for sale with open doors or shops their goods here during one month, so that our inhabitants may not be passed over on account of such sneaks and cheats, who until now have benefited this country very little, but have overlooked and passed our merchants without paying anything, while our inhabitants on the other side, subject to all taxes and burdens, are injured in their trade by these fellows. I say also, that no stranger should keep a burgher's shop or transport merchandise, unless these peddlers have done their guard duty for a month and paid the Stapleright on goods which they have brought from Holland.

Signed: N. de Sille.

State Archives, Albany.

In Council at Fort Amsterdam the 29th. of January, 1657.

Present at the meeting the Honorable Director General Petrus Stuyvesant, the Honorable Nicasius de Sille, first Councillor and Fiscal, the Honorable Councillor Pieter Tonneman.

The foregoing opinions of the Director General and Council having been read, debated and considered, Councillors Nicasius de Sille and Pieter Tonneman unanimously agreed with the opinion of his Honor Director General Petrus Stuyvesant, recorded above, and it was resolved, to draw up an ordinance in form of a proclamation, which is to be published to-morrow or affixed as usual.

Nicasius de Sille.
Pieter Tonneman.

State Archives, Albany.

At a meeting of the Burgomasters and Schepens Wednesday, the 31st. January, 1657, in the City Hall.

Present the W. Heeren, N. de Sille, Allard Anthony, Oloff Stevensen, Joh. Verbrugge, Jan Vinge, Will. Beeckman, and Hendrick Kip.

The following Apostille and Privilege is this day from the Honorable Director General and Council of N. Netherland, on the petition of the Burgomasters and Schepens presented to their Honors on the 22d. January of this Year, which according to Custom is published at, and affixed to, the City Hall of this City.

The Representation of the Burgomasters and Schepens of this City, New Amsterdam, in New Netherland, being received at the Meeting of the Director General and Council of N. Netherland, wherein they exhibit, on the one hand, the trouble, labor, expenses, expeditions and watchings which they sustained, endured and suffered in the last national quarrels with the Neighbors, as well as in the sad and unexpected ren-

counters with the Natives, and what they are subject to as the principal frontier and capital, more than others; On the other hand, the frequent complaints of Burghery and other Inhabitants of this Province against the inland trading and trafficking of the Scotsmen sailing hither and thither even to the best trading places, taking the bread, as it were, out of the mouths of good Burghery and resident Inhabitants, without such being subject, in time of peace or war, to any trouble, expense, labor, expeditions or watching like the Burghery and settled Inhabitants; that, on the contrary, they carry away the profits in time of peace, and in time of war abandon the country and the Inhabitants thereof, against which Burgomasters and Schepens request, for their Burghery, some additional benefits, privilege and freedom. Which We, the Director General and Council of New Netherland, having taken into serious consideration, being sufficiently informed, by personal experience, of the truth and justice of the matter, have provisionally, on the approval and ratification of the Lords Patroons, and by their advice and instructions, dated the 12th. March, 1654, at request of Burgomasters and Schepens, condescended, apostilled, privileged and granted that, henceforward, the arriving Scotsmen and traders shall, before selling or conveying their goods and merchandise, be holden, by virtue of Stapleright, and pursuant to order and instructions of the Lords Patroons, to set up and keep an open store within the gates and walls of this City, in a hired or owned house or room, and to ask from the aforesaid Burgomasters and Schepens, before hand, the common or small Burgher Right or Citizenship to enable them to do the same, for which they shall once pay for the behoof of this City and support thereof twenty guilders, which, also, in virtue hereof, is granted to Burgomasters and Schepens; that from now henceforward no arriving passengers, Scotsmen, shopkeeper or artisans shall exercise within this City any public-store business or handicraft trade, except such as have sought and obtained the Small or Burgher Right

from the Burgomasters and Schepens, and subjected themselves, by subscription or promise of oath, to the Supreme Government of the Director General and Council during their stay in this City, to bear like other Burghers and Citizens their burdens, expenses, expeditions and watches. Further, in conformity to the laudable Custom of the City of Amsterdam in Europe, the Director General and Council of New Netherland, on the approval and ratification as before, allow and concede to the Burgomasters and Schepens the establishment of a Great Burgher Right, for which those who may request to be therein shall pay fifty guilders; and all such, and such only, shall hereafter be qualified to fill all the city offices and dignities within this City, and consequently be nominated thereto; secondly, be exempt for one year and six weeks from watches and expeditions; thirdly, be free in their proper persons from arrest by any Subaltern Court or judicial benches of this Province. The Director General and Council reserve to themselves the further amplification and interpretation of obscurities and misconceptions.

Thus done in the Meeting in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland, the 30th. January, 1657, was subscribed

P. Stuyvesant.

Under Stood: By order of the Director General and Council of N. Netherland (signed)

C. V. Ruyven, Secretary.

Below depends the Provincial Seal in Red Wax.

City Records.

At a Meeting. of Burgomasters and Schepens held 31st. January, 1657.

Resolved to present the following Petition to the Honorable Director General and Council, for explanation of the conceded privilege.

To the Honorable Lords the Lord Director General and Lords Councillors of N. Netherland.

Honorable Lords,

Whereas, Your Honors have been pleased to favor this City, Amsterdam in N. Netherland, with the privilege of Small and Great Burger Right: Therefore, we, the Burgomasters and Schepens of said City, thankfully acknowledging such for the public good and welfare, request Your Honors explanation as to whom belong for the present the Small, and whom the Great Burgher Right; and request that Your Honors would be pleased to confer on the Schout, Burgomasters and Schepens who have formerly been in the government of this City, and are now in office, and who shall be elected to this office from those nominated for the present year, and their descendants, the privilege of the Great Burgher Right. Awaiting hereon Your Honors favorable disposition we remain Your Honors Subjects,

The Burgomasters and Schepens of the City Amsterdam in New Netherland.

By order of the same,

Jacob Kip, Secretary.

Done this 31. January, 1657, in Court at the City Hall at Amsterdam in New Netherland.

In like manner was resolved at the Court aforesaid to request by Petition to the Honorable Director General and Council, as follows:

To the Honorable Lords, the Lord Director General and Lords Councillors of N. Netherland.

Burgomasters and Schepens of the City Amsterdam in New Netherland with due respect represent:

That they find by daily experience that it is necessary as well at present as hereafter to appoint and select some persons within this city, as is done in our

Fatherland, to fill all offices appertaining thereto. Your Petitioners, therefore, request your Honors that such may be conferred on the Burgomasters and Schepens at the time in office to grant the said offices and appointments to those who, in their estimation, shall be best and fittest therefor, always with the approbation of Your Honors the Director General and Council of N. Netherland. Awaiting hereupon Your Honors favorable disposition, we remain

Your Honors Subjects
The Burgomasters and Schepens of the City
Amsterdam in N. Netherland.

By order of the same,
Jacob Kip, Secretary.

Done this 31. January, 1657, in Court at the City Hall at Amsterdam in N. Netherland.

City Records.

In Council at Fort Amsterdam the 2d. of February, 1657. Friday.

The following decision has been given to the foregoing request:

Director General and Council of New Netherland persist in the instructions given to the Burgomasters and Schepens of this City, subject to the approval and ratification of the Lords Directors, without deviating in this matter.

Done at the meeting in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland, date as above.

State Archives, Albany.

In Council at Fort Amsterdam the 2d. of February, 1657. Friday.

Whereas, agreeably to the privileges of this City, annually, some of the Magistrates, whose time is ex-

pired, leave their seats to be replaced with others by the Director General and Council, so it is that the Director General and Council in New Netherland elected as Magistrates of this City for the ensuing year, the Honorable Allard Anthony, as old Burgomaster; Paulus Limdertson Van de Grift, Burgomaster; William Beeckman, President Schepen; Johannes De Peyster, Govert Lockermans, Adrian Blommert and Hendrick Janssen Vandervin, Schepens, which is communicated to the community to treat them with due respect.

Done in Council in Fort Amsterdam, N. Netherland, on the day as above.

State Archives, Albany.

In Council at Fort Amsterdam, the 2d. of February, 1657, Friday.

The Director General and Council of New Netherland.

To all those who see these presents or hear them read, Greeting, make known.

That they, out of consideration of the good and voluntary services, expeditions, watches, and other burdens which the Burghers have hitherto done and borne, and in the hope and confidence which the Director General and Council still indulge of their continuance and perseverance therein, have, on the humble petition of the Burgomasters and Schepens, privileged and favored the Burghers and good Inhabitants of this City with a Great and Small Burgher Right, as can be more fully seen by the grant of privilege made to the Burgomasters and Schepens, in amplification of that already bestowed;

And, whereas, in all beginnings, something or somebody must be the first, so that thereafter a distinction and difference may be made: therefore, also, the necessity of such distinction being founded on reason, in the establishment of the Great and Small Burgher Right,

whereof the Burgomasters and Schepens have, by petition to the Director General and Council, requested further explanation, specification, and distinction as to who and what class are, for the present, to be included in the Great as well as in the Small Burgher Right, the Director General and Council of New Netherland invest, qualify, and favor with the Great Burgher Right :

First, those who have been, and at present are, in the High or Supreme government of the Country, them and their descendants in the male line.

Secondly, all former and actual Burgomasters and Schepens of this City, their descendants in the male line.

Thirdly, the Ministers of the Gospel formerly and at present in office, them and their descendants in the male line.

Fourthly, the Commissioned Officers to the Ensign inclusive, of the City regiment, them and their descendants in the male line. All with this understanding, that the above mentioned gentlemen and persons, for themselves or their descendants in the male line, have not lost or forfeited Burgher Right by absence from the City, and by not keeping fire and light ; agreeably to the laudable custom of the City of Amsterdam in Europe.

Further, all others who desire and are inclined, or hereafter may be desirous and inclined, to be enrolled in the Great Burgher Right, and to enjoy the privileges and benefits thereof, shall, according to the foregoing grant, apply for the same to the Burgomasters, and receive it on paying therefor the sum of Fifty guilders, Dutch money, or the equivalent thereof.

With the Small Burgher right are invested and favored :

First, all those who have resided and kept fire and light within the City one year and six weeks.

Secondly, all born within this City.

Thirdly, all who have married, or may hereafter marry, native born daughters of Burghers, provided that all Burgher Right be not lost or forfeited by absence from

this City, or by not keeping fire and light in conformity as aforesaid.

Further, all others who either now or hereafter will keep any shop, however it may be called, and carry on business within this City or the jurisdiction thereof, shall be bound to apply to the Burgomasters for the Small Burgher Right, and pay therefor Twenty guilders, Dutch money, or the equivalent thereof.

All servants of the Honorable Company under wages, also Passengers and New-comers who will settle elsewhere, provided they do so within six weeks, remain alone exempt from applying for Burgher Right, for the exercise of all sorts of handicraft, and the practice thereof.

The moneys arising from the receipt of the Burgher Right shall be received by the Burgomasters, and by them expended principally in the strengthening and circumvallation of this City.

In order that all this may be the better and more regularly practised, observed and obeyed, the Burgomasters are ordered and authorized to make out, or cause to be made out, on the first and all following occasions, correct Lists of those who, according to the tenor hereof, are invested, qualified and favored either with the Great or Small Burgher Right, and of those hereafter who obtain and receive the same, and have a true Register thereof made, and when done deliver a copy thereof into the Office of the Secretary of the Director General and Council.

Thus done, resolved, resumed and enacted in the Assembly of the Director General and Council of New Netherland, holden in Fort Amsterdam, in New Netherland, the 2d. February, 1657.

State Archives, Albany.

In Council at Fort Amsterdam the 6th. of February, 1657.

At the meeting of the Director General and Council of New Netherland appeared their Honors the Burgo-

masters of this City of Amsterdam in New Netherland, to ask, as there were some people demanding certificates of Burghership, in which form the certificates for Great and for Small Burghers should be given.

It was resolved, that the Burgomasters should give certificates to persons demanding it and having paid the fees in the following form, *mutatis mutandis:*

For the Great Burgher Right:

We, Burgomasters of the City of Amsterdam in New Netherland, hereby certify and declare, that N. N. has asked for and received from us the Great Burgher Right and the benefits thereof, has taken the Burghers oath and paid the fees to the Treasurer.

Done . . .

The certificates for the Great Burgher Right shall be sealed with the seal of the City, and the fees shall be 3 guilders.

For the Small Burgher Right:

Amsterdam in New Netherland.

N. N. has asked for and received the Small Burgher Right, has taken the oath as Burgher, and has paid the fees to the Treasurer.

Done . . .

The fees herefor shall be 18 stivers.

Done at the meeting of the Director General and Council, held at Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland on the 6th. of February, 1657.

State Archives, Albany.

At a Meeting of the Burgomasters and Schepens held 9th. April, 1657.

The Burgomasters and Schepens of the City of Amsterdam, in New Netherland, do by these presents make known, that those who, by virtue of the act of favor of the Director General and Councillors, make pretensions to the Great or Small Burgher Right, shall give in their names within the time of eight days to the Burgomasters of the City, who during eight days, beginning on the morning of the 10th. instant, shall assemble for two hours in the morning and five hours in the afternoon to take down the names.

Warning is given, that those within the City, who within the time mentioned do not make known their names, shall be deprived of their right to such privileges.

Thus done and published 9th. April, 1657.

List of those who have the Burgher Right pursuant to Privilege and Explanation thereof granted by the Right Honorable Director General and Council to the Burghery of this City Amsterdam in N. Netherland, and are accordingly inscribed by Burgomasters, and have taken the proper oath.

The Oath taken by the Burghers; drawn up by the Right Honorable Director General and Council.

I, N. N., Promise and Swear in the Presence of Almighty God to be true and faithful to the Sovereignty of the Noble High and Mighty Lords States General of the United Netherlands and Supreme Jurisdiction of the Honorable Lords Directors of the Privileged West India Company as Lords and Patroons of this New Netherland Province, their Director General and Council already appointed or hereafter to be appointed; and to show in the first place them, the Burgomasters and Rulers of this City, present and future, all respect and reverence, and to obey them in all honest and just matters as a faithful Subject and good Burgher is bound to

do, as long as I shall continue in this Province. So Truly Help me God Almighty.

THE GREAT BURGHER RIGHT.

1657. April 10. Johannes La Montagne, junior,
11. Jan Gillisen van Bruggh,
Hendrick Kip,
Isack Kip,
De Heer General Stuyvesant,
12. Domine Megapolensis,
13. Jacob Gerritsen Strycker,
14. Jan Vinge,
17. Cornelis Van Tienhoven's Wife,
Hendrick van Dyck,
Hendrick Kip, junior,
Marten Cregier,
18. Carel van Bruggh,
Jacob van Couwenhoven,
Lourens Cornelisen van Wel,
Johannes Pietersen van Bruggh,
Cornelis Steenwyck,
Wilh. Bogardus,
Daniel Litschoe,
Pieter van Couwenhoven.

THE SMALL BURGHER RIGHT

1657. April 10. Isack D'Foreest,
Warnaer Wessels,
Nicolaes Langvelthuysen,
11. Jan de Jongh,
Jacobus Backer,
Pieter Cornelisen van der Veen,
Pieter Jacobsen Buys,
Abram Nichels,
Pieter Schabanck,
Matheus d'Vos (died in 1663),
Jan Rutgerzen,

1657. April 11. Caspar Stynmets,
Pieter Jansen,
Jochem Beeckman, Shoemaker,
12. Arent Isaacksen, Shoemaker,
Fredrick Flipsen, Carpenter,
Jacob Mens,
Dirck van Schelluyne,
Cornelis Jansen,
Evert Dirckzen, Wood-sawyer,
Thomas Frerickzen, Wood-sawyer,
Pieter Caspersen van Naerden,
13. Gerrit Pieterzen van Amsterdam,
Hendrick Harmenzen,
Willem Jansen van't Ieverlant,
Hendrick van Bommel, Tailor,
David Wessèls, Chairmaker,
Paulus van der Beeck,
Cornelis Jansen Clopper, Smith
Jean Videt, Frenchman, Tailor,
Gerrit Fullwever,
Lambert Huybertzen Mol,
Michiel Jansen,
Joost Teunizen,
Jacob Clazen Coppe,
Claes Carstensen,
Ryndert Pieters van Bolsaert,
Andries Hoppen,
Arent Lourizen, Carpenter,
Tryntie Hendricksen, widow of Cors Pietersen,
Hendrick Willemzen, Baker,
Joost Goderis,
Michiel Pauluzen,
Coenraet Ten Eyck, Shoemaker,
Aldert Coninck, Tailor,
Rynhout Rynhoutzen, Shoemaker,
Pieter Andriezen, Chimney-sweeper,
Jan Jacobsen Carpenel van Haerlem,
Jan Nagel,

1657. April 13. Barent Egbertzen, Tailor,
14. Jan Dirckzen, Painter,
Adriaen Vincent,
Isack Teene,
Johannes Beck,
Barent Jacobzen Cool,
Hans Dreper,
Adolph Pieterzen,
Frerick Arentzen,
Claes Tysen, Cooper,
Tosyn Briel,
Sybrant Jansen Galma,
Luycas Dircksen,
Stoffel Elderzen,
Jacob Leunizen,
Hendrick Hendricksen Kip,
Sybout Clasen,
Tomas Frans, Carman,
Claes Bordingh,
Aryaen Wouterzen,
Symon Felle,
Lodowick Pos,
Jochem Bruynzen,
Tomas Lambertzen, Carpenter,
Nicolaes de Meyer,
Evert Duyckingk,
Abram Rycken,
Jan Cornelisen van Hoorn,
Jan Jansen van Ham,
Paulus Heymans,
Tomas Sandersen, Locksmith,
Willem Pieterzen d'Groot, senior,
Nicolaes d' la Plyne,
Andries Jochemzen,
Jan Hendricksen, Carpenter,
Pieter Lourenzen,
Francoys Allard,
Claes van Elslant, senior,
Teunis Tomazen, Mason,

1657. April 14. Jan Schryver,
Jan Gerritzen, Mason,
Jan de Perie,
Abram Pieterzen, Miller,
Claes Poulizen,
Cornelis van Langevelt,
Frans Soselje,
Jan Evertsen Bout,
Pieter Jacobs Marius,
Myndert Barentzen,
Jan Cornelissen van Vlensburgh,
Andries Andriezen, from Sweden,
Gerrit Jansen Roos, Carpenter,
Roelof Jansen, Mason,
Jan Hendricksen, Chairman,
Jacob Hughes, Surgeon,
Hendrick Pieterzen van Hasselt,
Barent Gerritzen, Tailor,
Jacob Hendricksen Varvanger,
Pieter Kock,
Matys Capito,
Abram Jacobsen, Carpenter,
Aryaen Jansen van Straetkerck,
Luycas Elderzen,
Rynier Gaicheus van Ilst,
Jacob Kalf,
Nicolaes Backer,
Jacob Will van der Bos, Mason,
Hendrick Hendricksen, Drummer,
Claes Pieterzen Kos,
acob Leenderzen Vandiegrist,
Jan Cornelissen Buys,
Hendrick Jansen van Scalckwyck,
Jan Lubberzen,
17. Resolvert Waldron,
Jan Jansen Hagenaer, Carpenter,
Wessel Everts,
Egbert van Borsum,
Abram Verplanck,

1657. April 17. Jan de Pree, Cooper,
Geurt Coerten,
Jan Peeck,
Randel Huwit,
Laurens Andries van Boskerck,
Gerrit Gerritzen van Vrieslant,
Tys Lubbertzen,
Abram Lubberzen,
Haey Oelefers,
Jan Pieterzen van Struckhausen,
Corns. Hendricksen,
Rynier Wisselpenningh,
Christaen Barentzen,
Pieter Stoutenberg,
Harman Smeeman,
Egbert Wouterzen,
Leendert Aerden,
Jan Jansen Langedyck,
Andries de Haes,
Claes Tysen van Amsterdam,
Frans Jansen van Brestee, Cooper,
Willem Koeck,
Albert Jansen, Carpenter,
Bartel Jansen Roebel,
George Holmes,
Pieter Pieterzen, Carpenter,
Hans Kierstede,
Samuel Edsal, Hatter,
Frerick Lubbertzen,
Willem Simson, Englishman,
Gerrit Cornelissen,
Widow of Jan Huygen,
Jacob Teunizen,
Abram Clock,
Albert Leendertzen,
Jan Hendricksen van Gunst,
Jan Pieterzen, Miller,
Nicolaes Verleth,
Herry Breser,

1657. April 17. Jacob Walingh,
Borger Jorisen,
18. Mettie Wessels,
Jan Jansen van St. Obyn,
Hendrick Arentzen,
Herry Piers,
Jacus Pryn,
Jacob Stoffelzen,
Andries Clasen, Tailor,
Hendrick Jansen van Utrecht,
Claes Pieterzen, Smith,
Hendrick Barentzen,
Pelgrom Klock,
Reynier Gerritzen Vries,
Joris van Vorst, Cooper,
Willem Claesen, Butche r
Aert Willemsen,
Claes Jansen Ruyter,
Harmen Douwesen,
Hendrick Volckerzen,
Wolfert Gerritsen,
Dirck Claesen, Pot-baker,
Juryaen Blanck,
Solomon la Chair,
Claes Jansen van Suermarter,
Frans Claesen,
Huybert Hendricksen van Keulen,
Harman Hendricksen van Deventer, Shoemaker,
Hans Albertzen, Shoemaker,
Carsten Diers van Bremen, Shoemaker,
19. Abram d' la Nooy,
26. Luycas Andriezen,
Dirck Siecken,
Aryaen Symonzen,
Pieter Rudolphus,
Isack Greveraer,
May 3. Jan Hutsitson, Englishman, Ship-carpenter,

1657. May 3. Philip Jansen Ringo,
1658. May 2. Douwe Clasen,
9. Simon Hermsen Coort,
Adam Bremen,
July 18. Jacques Cousseau,
Anthony More,
Anthony De Mil,
Jan Gouwenbergh,
Jan Gerisen Buitenhuis,
Tielman van Vleeck,
Barnet Cruytdorp,
Cornelis Willemsen, Carpenter,
Adrian van Laer,
Peter van Hale [Alen],
Hendrick van de Wal,
Willem Doeckes,
Dec. 27. Jurrian Jansen van Anwerick,
1659. Jan. 3. Cornelis Barensen, Baker,
May 16. Claas Jellis Mareschall, Glazier,
Isaacq Bedloo,
Jop Teunissen,
Andries Jeremias Spiringh,
Wouter Valck,
Jacob Hendricksen Haan,
Eghbert Meindersen,
Everet Mareschal,
Joris Jorisen Tonson van Ritfort,
Jonas Folber,
June 27. Carel Beauvois, of Leiden, Schoolmaster,
Dirck Jansen van Oldenburgh,
Anthony van Aalst,
July 4. Pieter Pia,
Nicholas Joannes Bootsen,
11. Reineir Willemsen,
1661. April 30. Frans Jansen, of Amsterdam.

City Records.

At a Meeting of Burgomasters and Schepens held 25th. March, 1658.

The Honorable President states that there are several of the Inhabitants of this City who have purchased their Burgher Right for a year and a day, and do not pay; and whenever the City Messenger goes for payment, they answer they have no money, proceeding to scoff at and Censure the Burgomasters; and though it be a matter which concerns the Burgomasters alone, nevertheless, that it be known to the Heere Schepens, it is therefore communicated to the Court to remember.

City Records.

At a Meeting of Burgomasters and Schepens held 5th. November, 1659.

To the Right Honorable Lords the Lord Director General and the Lords Councillors of New Netherland.

Right Honorable Lords:

The presiding Burgomaster of this City, Amsterdam, in N. Netherland, respectfully represents to your Honors that a Certain Remonstrance, hereunto annexed, has been handed him, signed by some Burghers, repre senting the low condition and constant complaints continually made to them from some who have fled from their houses and lands, endeavoring to assist themselves in their poverty, not being able to pay what they obtained on credit from the one and the other, as the said Remonstrance more fully sets forth; Requesting him, the Petitioner, in his quality, to endeavor to obtain with all respect from Your Honors, that Your Honors would please to favor the Burghers with the Burgher Right in all places included in the Honorable West India Company's District of N. Netherland, and so on to four or five points set forth in said Remonstrance. But as respects the Fourth point, should be too high for the payment of the Burgher Right for the Scots, or those trading over and hither, they submit the same to your

Honors wise Council and pleasure. And whereas, he, the Petitioner, is assured by Your Honors that Your Honors have nothing in view but the welfare of Your Honors Subjects and the prosperity of this place depending under Your Honors direction, especially of City Amsterdam standing and lying on the Island Manhattan, which the Honorable West India Company is reserving for their Colony, Your Petitioner therefore turns to your Honors, in the name and at the request of the Petitioners, beseeching Your Honors in all dutifulness to be pleased to consider what the Petitioners set forth in their Remonstrance and whatever should result therefrom; to favor their Petitioners in what they request in all humility, and according to their knowledge for the good of this place and its inhabitants, not doubting but all shall be brought into a better state. But I commend the Matter to Your Honors wise and fatherly care, Remaining, Meanwhile, Honorable Lords,

Your Honors Subject
The Presiding Burgomaster of the City aforesaid.

By order of the same,
Joannes Nevius, Secretary.

Done, Amsterdam in N. Netherland, the 5th. November, 1659.

Remonstrance.

Friday, 12th. September, 1659. In the City Hall.

Present the . eern Oloff Stevensen van Cortland Martin Cregier.

To the Honorable Lords Burgomasters of this City of Amsterdam in N. Netherland.

Being assured that Your Honors are sufficiently acquainted with the low condition of this City, through

the constant complaints of our fellow Burghers, some of whom have fled from their land and houses and come in poverty seeking to gain a living; others, who have endeavored to help them, reduced to the same condition, so that the debts they have contracted from year to year among this poor Commonalty we believe amounts to more than one hundred thousand Guilders more than they can pay; some of them having lost life and property in the year 1655, in the Indian troubles. And now, thirdly, some have left their lands and houses through dread of being destroyed:

Therefore, we are bound in conscience not to see any one of our Netherlands Nation perish through Poverty, but constantly to sustain and aid him, whether by disbursement of Money, Provisions or by new Advances of Goods, which they so doing cannot pay, now nor never: That their all comes on their Burghers who have still any Means; which hath so harassed us from year to year that it is impossible to benefit so many that each shall receive like Justice, being already burdened beyond any other Colony and Townspeople with excessive heavy day and night watch—yea, even every night—also with voluntary Services against Enemies at divers times for the public service, from which public burdens all surrounding places have been exempt. And especially the Scots or Traders who trade through and fro with the Ships, and take all the profit out of the Country, selling everything for Cash (for which the Old Inhabitants must wait) without having to bear any burdens; which the Inhabitants who are among us cannot surmount unless Your Honors induce the Heer Director General and the Heeren Supreme Councillors to grant to us who are here Burghers in Amsterdam in N. Netherland:

First, The Burgher Right in all places here in N. Netherland under the authority of the Honorable West India Company.

Secondly, That he who is Burgher here and departs out of or into the Country for a Year and Six Weeks

may retain his Burgher Right, provided he at least keep a free room and fire and light here.

Thirdly, That no one coming first from Holland can go to Fort Orange or other places, with cargoes, to trade there with the Indians or Christians, unless he first shall have obtained his Burgher Right here.

Fourthly, That no man be a Burgher here except such as promise to remain in this country Three years, or otherwise that they pay for their Burgher Right one thousand guilders, which we think reasonable for those who come here with cargoes.

Fifthly, We also request that the privileges allowed us on the subject of Foreign Trade may be forthwith published.

We trust then everything will prosper, and that we shall do good Service not only to Your Honors but to our beloved Fatherland.

We remain,
Your Honors Subjects,

Paulus Leendertsen van der Grist,
Johannes de Peyster,
N. Verleth,
Jacob Backer,
Jacob Strycker,
Joannes van der Meulen,
Hendrick van der Walle,
Daniel van Donck,
Jacob Kip,
Pieter Cornelissen van der Veen,
Allard Anthony,
Cornelis Steenwyck,
Govert Loockermans,
Nicolas Meyer,
Pieter Rudolphus,
Reinier Rycken,
[Jacques] Cousseau,
Jan Deusy,
Isaack Greveraats,
Gerrit Van Tright.

Answer of the Director General and Council.

In Council at Fort Amsterdam the 31st. of January, 1660.

First, The Director General and Council adjudge and decree that, by virtue of the Stapleright granted to

this City by the Honorable Lords Directors in the General Exemptions; also by virtue of the Burgher Right granted to the Inhabitants in date 2d. February, 1657, the Burghers and Inhabitants shall have the right to trade and do business with all Christians, and throughout the entire District of New Netherland.

Secondly, The second request answers itself; as no man loses his freedom in any place so long as he keep fire and light.

Thirdly, Regarding the third: The Director General and Council decree and order hereby, conformably to the order and letters of the Honorable Lords Directors, dated 12th. March, 1654, that no newly arriving Scots or Traders shall sell or introduce any goods or merchandise within the District of N. Netherland, unless he keep an open store here and hath obtained his Burgher Right.

Fourthly, The fourth point is disallowed, as being contrary to the Order of the Honorable Lords Patroons above mentioned, and prejudicial to this Place.

Fifthly, What the Honorable Lords Directors have granted on the fifth request, respecting the Foreign Trade, to the Good Inhabitants of this Province, an extract thereof is communicated to the Burgomasters and Schepens, who can publish and affix that when opportunity offers, if they deem such proper.

Done, Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland, the 31st. January, 1660.

(Was signed)
P. Stuyvesant,
Lower Stood.

By order of the Honorable Lords Director General and Lords Councillors of N. Netherland.

(Was signed)
C. V. Ruyven, Secretary.

City Records.

At a meeting of Burgomasters and Schepens held 28th. November, 1659.

Burgomasters of the City Amsterdam, in New Netherland, hereby give Notice to those who claim their Burgher Right, whether Small or Great, and have no Freedom of the City, that they shall procure and receive the same within fourteen days from this date, 5th. December of this year 1659, being 19th. and 20th. of the same month, Friday and Saturday, when the Burgomasters shall sit at this City Hall, from nine o'clock in the morning until noon, on pain, failing therein, of not being able to carry on any business, whatever the same may be.

Understood

Let the one proclaim it to the Other!

City Records.

At a meeting of Burgomasters and Schepens held 19th. December, 1659.

This date several took out their certificates as Freemen, as the same is noted by the Heer presiding Burgomaster.

City Records.

At a meeting of Burgomasters and Schepens held 20th. December, 1659.

This date have again divers taken out their Burgher papers, which are signed by the Heer presiding Burgomaster.

City Records.

At a meeting of Burgomasters and Schepens held 23d. December, 1659.

This date divers more took out the Burgher papers, which are signed by the Heer presiding Burgomaster.

City Records.

In Council at Fort Amsterdam the 25th. of May, 1660.

Present in meeting the Honorable Director General Petrus Stuyvesant and Mr. Nicasius de Sille.

The Director General and Council of New Netherland are certainly informed, by the Burgomasters and Schepens of this City, and also indeed find, that some newly arrived Traders, Scotch factors and Merchants do, without having applied for and obtained their Burgher Right here, undertake not only to sell and barter their goods, but also to transport and send them to Fort Orange and elsewhere, which is directly contrary to, and in violation of, the privilege of Burgher Right, and the prerogative thereof granted to the good Inhabitants of this City; the Director General and Council desiring, on the Remonstrance and petition of said Burgomasters and Schepens, to provide herein, do Ordain that no newly arrived Traders, Scotch factors or Merchants shall be at liberty to transport or to send their goods from here to Fort Orange, or elsewhere within the district of New Netherland, unless they have previously obtained Burgher Right here, and, in conformity with the Order and Instructions of the Honorable Directors, have kept an open store here for some time, at least six weeks. And all this provisionally, until otherwise Ordained by the Honorable Directors, or the Director General and Council.

Thus done at Fort Amsterdam, in New Netherland, date as above.

State Archives, Albany.

At a meeting of Burgomasters and Schepens held 18th. January, 1661.

Resolved in Court to petition the Director General and Council relative to the Scotsmen [peddlers] travelling through and fro, that by being absent four months they may lose their Burgher Right and remain here a year and six weeks. Which is proceeded with on Wednesday, 19th. January, 1661, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, at the City Hall.

City Records.

At a meeting of Burgomasters and Schepens held 25th. February, 1661.

Schout, Burgomaster and Schepens of the City of Amsterdam, in N. Netherland, hereby make known to all and every, that pursuant to the order dated 31st. January last, received on their presented Petition to the Right Honorable Director General and Council of N. Netherland, whoever have absented themselves from here for four consecutive months, without holding fire and light here, lose their Burgher Right. Wherefore, they must purchase the same anew on their return. Further, no person shall transport himself with his goods and merchandise to Fort Orange or elsewhere to trade, without as before, pursuant to the order of said Director General and Council, dated 25th. May, 1660, having resided and kept an open store here in this City six consecutive weeks, but may do the same, according to the above mentioned Order, on payment to this City of twenty guilders in Beavers, or the real value thereof, over and above their Burgher Right.

Done, Amsterdam in N. Netherland, the 25th. February, 1661.

City Records.

In Council at Fort Amsterdam, 31st. January, 1661, Monday.

Present in meeting the Honorable Director General Petrus Stuyvesant, and Councillors Nicasius de Sille and Johannes de Decker.

To the Noble, Very Honorable Director General and Council of New Netherland.

Honorable Gentlemen :

Your petitioners have observed that the privileges of Stapleright and Burgher Right, granted to this City by your Honors, are seriously damaged by peddlers yearly continuing to travel about during the period of the

tobacco and beaver trade, which is the most important in this country, while they make not a penny here, and attend to their business in the Fatherland in winter time, without bearing any of the burdens or troubles which fall to the lot of our good inhabitants and burghers. Great complaints have frequently been made to us, and to prevent it in the future, we, your petitioners, humbly request your Honors that the term of the Burgher Right, Great as well as Small, may be shortened to six weeks, according to the privileges or charter of Amsterdam, page 2, where it is said: "And of people living within the gates, each freeman [poorter] may go outside for his spring business during six weeks, and also in the fall for the harvest during six weeks." This may also be read in the Receuil of Roseboom, p. 193, chap. 40, art. 22. And whereas, the revenues of the City are so small, considering the taxes constantly laid on it, therefore, we, your petitioners, humbly request your Honors that the Burgher Right, Great and Small, may from now be enhanced [verhooght] according to the rules of the City of Amsterdam, the namesake of this place, or according to your Honors judgment, so that thereby, and by other means still to be decided upon, the old debts under which the City groans may for once be paid off, when we shall be able to pay more attention to all necessary repairs and improvements. Awaiting your Honors favorable decision, we remain,

Your Honors humble servants, the Schout, Burgomasters, and Schepens of the City of Amsterdam in New Netherland.

(Signed) Allard Anthony (below stood)

By their order.

(Signed) Johannes Nevius,
Secretary.

Dated Amsterdam, in New Netherland, 27th. January, 1661.

The foregoing petition having been received and read, the question was put and the following answer given :

For reasons given in the annexed petition, the Director General and Council of New Netherland decide, that all persons shall lose their Burgher Right and the privileges thereof who absent themselves from this City for the period of four consecutive months, and have not kept fire and light ; but this is not to apply to persons who have been burghers here for some years, and who do not make it a habit to go away and come back.

The second request is denied by the Director General and Council, with this concession and restriction, however : that the peddlers [Schotsen] moving about, who desire to go to Fort Orange or elsewhere within the six weeks, which under the order of the Director General and Council of 25th. May, 1660, they are obliged to remain here, shall pay once 20 fl. in beavers or the value thereof.

31st. January, 1661.

State Archives, Albany.

II.

ROLL OF FREEMEN.

FREEMEN.

City of New Yorke } ss.

At a Speciall Court of Sessions holden at ye Citty Hall the 24th. day of November [1675], for the takeing and giveing the Oath hereunder written to all Such persons as shall come to receive and take the same.

Gabriel Minvielle, Deputy Mayor in the absence of Mr. Nicholas De Meyer,
Mr. Thomas Gibbs,
Mr. Stephanus Van Courtlandt,
Mr. Thomas Lewis,

Aldermen.

You doe sweare by the name of the Almighty God that you and every of you will bee true Subjects to the King of Great Brittaine; and will obey all such comandements as you Shall receive from his Majestie his Royall Highnesse James Duke of Yorke and Such Governours and Officers as from time to time are appointed over you by his authority and none other, whilst you Live in any of his Majesties Territoryes. So helpe you God.

Sworne before me Gabriel Minvielle.

Persons sworne.

Peter Windsor,
John Laurens, Junior,
William Sidnam,

Thomas Taylor,
William Pinhorne,
Andries Meyer,
Patrick Arnott,
Hendrick Van Burssen,
John Janssen,
Peter Janssen,
Francis Wessells,
Domine Jacobus Fabricus,
Johannes Meyer,
Asserus Hendricks,
Nicholas Du Puy,
Hans Scoderus,
Hendrick Ten Eyck,
John Van Loney,
Justice Whitefield,
Nicholas Blanke,
Hendrick Dusbrough, Junior,
Andries Res,
John Charles Russel,
Robert Witty,
Matthew Hilliard,
Samuel Whiteway,
John Chesam,
Clement Sebrach,
George Delloe,
Englebart Lot,
Matthys Blanchon,
John Tuder.

The 7th. of December, Anno. 1675.

John Cooley,
John Henry,
David Jochemse.

City Records.

At a meeting of the Mayor and Aldermen 20th. January, 1675–6.

Ordered that noe person or Merchant whatsoever

shall sell, or cause to bee sold, or put to sale any Goods, wares and Merchandizes by Retale upon paine to forfeit all such goods, wares and merchandizes unless such person or persons are Free-men or made Free or Burgers of this Citty, and settled housekeepers for the space of one yeare or given security for the same: Unless by Speciall Licence from the Mayor and Aldermen with the approbacon of the Governor. And if any Person or Persons soe made free shall depart from this Citty by the space of six months Unless such Person or persons so departing shall during that time keepe fire and Candle Light and pay Scott and Lott, shall Loose his and their freedome; and that all and every Merchant hereafter to bee made free shall pay for the same, Six Bevers; And all Handecraft trades and others to pay two Bevers for their being made freemen; (Unless by Speciall order of Court.)

City Records.

At a meeting of the Deputy Mayor and Aldermen 5th. June, 1676.

Ordered that all and every Pšons giveing Security according to the Orders made in Capt. Nicolls Marality and Mr. Darvalls; shall bee made freemen of this Citty accordingly.

City Records.

At a meeting of the Mayor and Aldermen 9th. November, 1676.

Citty of New Yorke } ss.

These are to Certify all Persons whom these Presents may Concerne or Come that the Bearer hereof David Jochamse, the Seaventh day of December One Thousand Six Hundred Seaventy an five did take the Oath of Fidelity to our Souveraigne Lord the Kinge and his Royall Highness James Duke of Yorke, and that thereupon hee was made a free Burger of this Citty and taken

to bee an English Man within this Citty and Collony and hath ye same Priviledges and Libertyes as any other of his Majesties Subjects within this Citty and Collony.

Witness my hand and Seale of ye said Citty this Ninth day of November in the Eight and Twentieth yeare of the Raigne of our most Gracous Soveraigne Lord Charles the Seconde Kinge of England &c. Annoq. Dom. 1676.

[Nicholas Demeyer, Mayor.]

City Records.

At a meeting of the Mayor and Aldermen 4th. November, 1678.

Citty of New York } ss.

These are to certifie all persons whom it may concerne, that the Bearers hereof Cornelius Jacobson and Matthias van der Heathen this present day did take theire Oaths of Fidellittie to our Soveraigne Lord the King, and his Royall Highnisse James Duke of York, and that thereupon they were made Free Burghers of this Citty and Collony, and have the same Libberties & Privilledges as any other of his Majesties Subjects within the said Citty and Collony.

Witnesse my hand and the Seale of the said Citty the fourth day of November in the 30th yeare of the Raigne of our Soveraigne Lord Charles the Second by the Grace of God, of England, Scottland, France and Ireland, King Defender of the Faith &c. Annoq. Dñi. 1678.

[Thomas Delavall, Mayor.]

City Records.

Citty of New Yorke } ss.

At a Court of Record holden at the Citty Hall the 14th. of January, 1678–9.

Before Thomas Dellavall Mayor and a full Court.

Arnolt Legrange merchant made a free Burger of

the Citty aforesaid Hee conforming himself in all things accordinge to the Lawes, Rules and Orders made and established within the said Citty and obey and performe the same.

Six Beavers paid to Mr. Mayor.

City Records.

Cytie of New York } ss.

The Court of Record of the Cytie aforesaid holden the 6th. day of July, 1680.

Before Francis Romboult Mayor and Alderman.

Mr. Will: Pinhorne, Merchant made a free Burger of the Cytie aforesaid, he conforming himselfe in all things according to the Lawes, Rules and Orders made and Established within the said Cytie and obey and performe the same.

Six Beavers paid to

City Records.

Petition of the Mayor and Common Council of New York for a new Charter.

To the Right Honorable Coll^n^ Thomas Dongan Esq^r^ Lieutenant and Governor & Vice Admirall under His Royall Highness James Duke of York and Albany &c. of New York and Dependencyes in America.

The Humble Peticõn of the Mayor and Aldermen & Commonalty of the Citty of New York.

Sheweth

That this Citty hath had and enjoyed severall ancient Customes Priviledges and Immunityes which were confirmed and granted to them by Coll^n^ Richard Nicholls the late Governor of this Province by authority under His Royal Highness A^o^ 1665 who incorporated the

Inhabitants thereof New Harlem and all other Inhabitants on the Island Manhattans whereon this Citty standeth as one body Politique and Corporate under the Government of a Mayor Aldermen an Sheriff in which manner it hath continued in practice ever since and hath had, used and enjoyed the Customes, Libertyes and Priviledges following, Viz :

1. That all the Inhabitants on the Island Manhattans was under the Government of the Citty of New York.

2. That the Governing of the said Citty was by seven Magistrates and a Schout formerly called Burgemasters and Schepens now one Mayor, six Aldermen and one Sheriffe.

3. These Magistrates had power to appoint all inferior Officers as Constables and Overseers, Under Sheriffes, Cryers, and Marshalls throughout the whole Island and also did make such peculiar Lawes and Orders as they judge convenient for the well governeing the Inhabitants of the said Corporation and held once in fourteen dayes or oftener on Speciall request or occasion a Court of Judicature att the City Hall where they did heare and determine all causes and Matters whatsoever brought before them by Jury or in Equity as the cause required. The Mayor or chief Magistrate had power to determine all matters that came before him under forty shillings without appeale or any other process then a verball heareing of partyes.

4. The Sheriffes served all writts, summons, and attachments within the Limmitts of the Corporation and officiated as Watterbayliff on the water.

5. They had theire owne Clerke and kept the Records of the Citty distinctly.

6. This Citty was the Staple porte of the whole Province where all merchandize was Shipped and unloaden.

7. None were to bee esteemed Freemen of the Citty but who were admitted by the Magistrates aforesaid and none before such admission to sell by Retayle or Exercise any handicraft trade or occupacõn and every

merchant or shopkeeper was to pay for the publique use of the Citty three pounds, twelve shillings. Every handy crafts man one pound foure shillings on being made free.

8. Noe Freeman of the Citty was to be arrested or to have their goods attached unless it was made to appeare that they were departeing or conveying away their Estates to defraude their Creditors.

9. Noe person was admitted to trade up Hudson River except hee was a Freeman and had been an actuall inhabitant in this Citty for the space of three yeares. And if any Freeman should bee absent out of the Citty the space of Twelve moneths and not keepe fire and candle and pay Scott and lott should loose his Freedom.

10. All that Inhabite up Hudson's River were forbid to trade over sea.

11. Noe Flower was to be bolted or packed or biskett made for Exportacõn butt in the Citty of New York being for the encouragment of trade and keepeing up the Reputacõn of New York flower which is in greater request in the West Indies and the only support and maintennance of the Inhabitants of this Citty and if not confirmed to them will ruine and depopulate the same.

12. That the said Citty had a Common Seale to serve for the sealeing of all and singular their affaires, matters and businesses touching the said Corporation.

All which said ancient Customes, Priviledges and Libertyes wee the said Mayor and Aldermen in behalfe of themselves and the Cittizens of the said Citty doe humbly present and make knowne to your Hono^{r} Humbly beseeching yo^{r} Hono^{r} in their behalfs to Interceed and procure that the same bee confirmed to them by Charter from his Royall Highnesse with these Addicõns following, viz^{t}.

1. That the said Corporation bee divided into six wards.

2. That the Freemen in each ward doe once every

yeare elect their own Officers that is to say Aldermen, Common Councilmen, Constable, Overseers of the poore, Assessors, Scavengers, Questmen, or other officers usefull and necessary for the said Corporation and Ward.

3. That there bee a Mayor and a Recorder who with the said six Aldermen and six Common Councillmen shall represent the whole body of the said Citty and Corporation and shall have power to make peculiar lawes for the good government and support thereof.

4. That a Mayor bee appointed every yeare by the Governor and Councill and to bee one of the Aldermen soe chosen as aforesaid.

5. That all Magistrates soe chosen shall not be admitted to the Execucõn of their offices untill sworne before the Governor and Councill.

6. That the Recorder bee appointed by the Governor and Councill who shall bee Judge of the Citty and Corporation and bee aydeing and assisteing to the Mayor and Aldermen & Common Councill in all matters that relate to the well beinge and supporte thereof.

7. That a Sheriffe bee annually appointed by the Governor and Councill.

8. That the Coroner & Town Clerk be appointed by the Governor & Councill.

9. That the Mayor Recorder, Aldermen and Common Councill doe appoint a Threasurer for collecting and payeing all publique debts and Revenues.

This and whatever else Your Honor or his Royall Highnesse shall think fitt, necessary & convenient for the good rule, order and welfare of this Citty and Corporation your peticioners humbly praye may bee graunted and confirmed to them in as full and ample manner and forme as His Majesty has been graciously pleased to graunt to other Corporations within his Realme of England for the Obteyneing of which they again humbly begg Your Honor to become theyr supplicant whose kyndeness and service therein shall bee most thankfully acknowledged.

And as in duty bound Your peticioners shall ever pray &c.

Will Beeckman,
Johannes Van Brug,
John Lawrence,
Pieter Jacobs Marius,
Ja. Graham,
Corn. Steenwyck,
N. Bayard.

New-Yorke November 9th. 1683.

Documents relative to the Colonial History of New York, II. 337.
Also entered on City Records.

At a Common Council held the 15th. Day of March, 1683–4.

These following Lawes and Orders were made Ordained, and Enacted, Viz.

* * * * *

FREEMEN

That noe Person or Persons whatsoever within this Citty or Libertyes doe keep Shop and Sell any Goodes or Wares, by Retaile or Exercise any handicraft, Trade or Occupation but such as are Freemen thereof or soe Admitted by the Mayor or Court of Aldermen for the tyme being, under Penalty of five Pounds for each offence, And All Persons hereafter to be made free, shall pay as followeth, Every merchant, Trader, or Shop Keeper, the Summe of three Pounds Twelve shillings and every Handicraft man One Pound four shillings, on being made free as aforesayd for the use of this City.

That if Freeman shall be absent out of this Citty by the Space of Twelve monthes, and not Keep fire and Candle, and Pay Scott and Lott he shall Loose his Freedome.

City Records.

At a Common Council held the 24th. of April, 1686.

It was ordered that "the fee for Freedomes" be five pounds.

City Records.

Extract from the Charter of the City of New York granted by Governor Dongan the 20th. of April, 1686.

And Know Yee that for the better government of the Said City and for the welfare of the Said Citizens Tradesmen and Inhabitants thereof I do by these presents for and on the behalf of his most Sacred Majesty his Heirs and Successors give and grant to the Said Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the Said City and their Successors that the Mayor Recorder and Aldermen or the Mayor and any three or more of the Aldermen for the time being Shall from time to time and all times hereafter have full power and Authority under the Common Seal to make free Citizens of the Said City and Liberties thereof and no person or persons whatsoever other than Such free Citizens shall hereafter use any Art trade Mystery or manual Occupation within the Said City Liberties and precincts thereof saving in the times of Faires there to be kept and during the Continuance of such Faires only and in case any person or persons whatsoever not being free Citizens of the Said City as aforesaid Shall at any time hereafter use or exercise any Art trade Mystery or manual Occupation or Shall by himself themselves or others Sell or expose to Sale any manner of Merchandise or wares whatsoever by Retaile in any house Shop or place or Standing within the Said City or the Liberties or precincts thereof no Faire being then kept in the Said City and Shall persist therein after warning to him or them given or left by the appointment of the Mayor of the Said City for the time being at the place or places where Such person or persons Shall so use or exercise any Art trade Mystery or manual Occupation

or Shall Sell or expose to Sale any wares or merchandises as aforesaid by retail then it Shall be lawfull for the Mayor of the Said City for the time being to cause Such Shop windows to be Shut up and also to Impose Such reasonable fine for Such Offence not Exceeding five pounds for every respective Offence and the same Fine and Fines So Imposed to Levy and take by Warrant under the Common Seal of the Said City for the time being by Distress and Sale of the goods and Chattles of the person or persons So Offending in the premises found within the Libertys or precincts of the Said City rendering to the party or parties the overplus or by any other lawful ways or means whatsoever to the only Use of the Said Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the Said City of New York and their Successors without any Account to be rendered made or done to the Lieutenants Governours or Commanders in Chief of this province for the Same Provided that no person or persons Shall be made free as aforesaid but Such as are his Majestys natural born Subjects or Such as Shall first be naturalized by Act of general Assembly or Shall have Obtained Letters of Denization under the hand of the Lieutenant Governour or Commander in Chief for the time being and Seal of the province And that all persons to be made free as aforesaid Shall and do pay for the publick use of the Said Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the Said City Such Sum and Sums of money as heretofore hath been used and accustomed to be paid and received on their being admitted Freemen as aforesaid provided it is not exceeding the sum of Five pounds.

Manual of the Corporation, 1868.

At a Common Council held the 24th. of April, 1691.

Freemen

That no person or persons whatsoever within this Citty or Libertyes doe keep Shop and Sell any goods

or wares by Retaile or Exercise any Handicraft trade or Occupacõn but such as are Freemen thereof or so admitted by the Mayor or Court of Aldermen for the time being under penalty of five pound for Each offence and all Persons hereafter to bee made free shall pay as followeth, Every Merchant Trader or Shop Keeper, the summe of three pounds Twelve Shillings besides fees, and Every handicraft man, one pound four shillings, besides fees, on being made free as aforesaid for the Use of this Citty.

City Records.

At a Common Council held the 9th. of May, 1691.

Ordered. That all the Inhabitants of this Citty shall bee Warned by Mr. Thomas Clarke (in ye name of ye Sherife) to produce their Freedoms to Retaile or use any handicraft trade within this Citty, are hereby Required to Satisfie the said Clarke in their Freedoms or give Sattisfaction to the Mayor of the Citty within fourteen dayes time after such Demand made by Mr. Clarke upon Forfieture of Twenty Shillings for the Use of the Citty.

City Records.

At a Common Council held the 15th. of October, 1691.

Mr. Mayor Called this Common Council to read the Charter and to make Inspection into the former Order made since Governor Slaughters arrivall in order to a further proceeding in the business of this Citty.

Upon which the said foregoing Orders was perused continued and confirmed and Ordered to be Entred accordingly being as followeth.

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That no person or persons whatsoever within this Citty or Libertyes doe keep Shop and Sell any goods or wares by Retaile or exercise any Handecraft Trade or occupacõn but Such as are Freemen thereof or so

admitted by the Mayor or Court of Aldermen for the time being under penalty of five Pounds for each offence and all Persons hereafter to be made Free shall pay as followeth.

Every Merchant Trader or Shop Keeper the Summe of Three pounds Twelve Shillings besides fees and Every handecraft man one pound foure Shillings besides Fees on being made free as aforesaid for the Use of this Citty.

That all the Inhabitants of this Citty shall be warned by the Sheriffe to produce their Freedoms to retaile or use any handecrafte Trade within this Citty are hereby required to satisfie the Said Sheriffe in their Freedoms or give Satisfaction to the Mayor of the Citty within fourteen days time after such demand made by the Sheriffe upon forfeiture of Twenty Shillings for the Use of the City.

City Records.

At a Common Council held the 5th. of February, 1691–2.

Ordered that after Proclamacõn that any handecraftsmen Tradesmen or others within this Citty who (have not taken out Freedoms) to come and take out the same and that shall neglect so doeing and be presented by the Sheriffe or Marshall for every such Freeman soe presented the Sheriffe or Marshall who shall present them Shall have a fee allowed him of Six Shillings.

City Records.

At a Common Council held the 25th. of October, 1694.

This day the following Laws Orders and Ordinances were read and Approved of and after the Ringing of three bells were Published & Ordered yt the same be printed, Viz.

No. 3. Concerning Freemen.

City Records.

At a Common Council held the 16th. of January, 1694–5.

Ordered that a List of the Names be taken of all the Freemen of this Corporation and that for the Effectuall doeing thereof the Mayor, Assisted with any two Aldermen, doe meet on Every Weñsday Morning at the Citty Hall from Nine to Eleaven of the Clock untill the same be perfected and also that an Oath be Drawn up & Administred to all such as shall be made Free or are already Free according to the Usage & Practice of Corporations in England.

Ordered that Noe Merchant or handy Craft Tradesman Shall take any Prentice to teach or Instruct them in their Trade or Calling without being bound by Indentures before the Mayor, Recorder, or any more of ye Aldermen of the said Citty and Registred In the Town Clerkes Office and not for a Less Terme than four Yeares ; and at the Expiration of the Indentures the said Apprentice Shall be made Free of the said Citty by his said Master if he have well and truely served him ; And that the Clerke have for Registring each Indenture of Apprenticeship as aforesaid the sum of three Shillings to be paid by the Master of such Apprentice bound as aforesaid.

City Records

NAMES OF SEVERAL PERSONS MADE FREE OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

1683.	Septembr 29th.	Phillip Jones,
		Phillip Richards,
		Andrew Bown,
		Richard Jones,
	October 1st.	Daniell Veenvos,
		Elyas Leyten,
		Jasper Nessepott,
		Edward Burling,
		Jacobus Ver Holst,

1683.	October 1st.	William Lee,
		John Johnson Flemsburgh,
		William Frampton,
		Francis Richardson,
	10th.	Francis Parsons,
		Thomas Rod,
		Robert White,
		Matthew Taylor,
	12th.	John White,
		Edward Anthill,
	22nd.	Cornelius Bulsenk,
		Paulus Yeurksen,
		Henry Batchelor,
		Thomas Hook,
		Thomas Robinson,
1684.	August 6th.	Isaac Lausen,
		Richard Ashfield,
		Daniell Preler,
		Rowland Duboo.

The names aforesaid are a true Copy of A Paper left by Mr. John West Entitled A List of Several Persons made Freemen of the City of New York which is the handwriting of the Said Mr. West.

N. Bayard Mayor.

1686.	July 12th.	Stephen DeLancey, Merchant.

Names of Persons made free of the Said City Since the date of the Commission to John Knights to be Clerk of the Said City.

1687.	April 28th.	William Henley,
	May —	Joost Paldink,
	June 6th.	Bartholemew Le Roux,
	July 6th.	John Outman,
	25th.	Johannes Mortier,

1687.	August 5th.	George Brown,
		Samuell Burt,
		Daniell Butts,
		Edward King,
		Samuell Holland,
	10th.	Lewis Bongrand,
		Robert Skelton,
	October 10th.	Thomas Burrows,
	13th.	William Jackson.

Freemen made in the Mayorality of Stephanus Van Cortlandt Esqr.

	December 1st.	Henry Leconte,
		Elias Nezereau,
1687–8.	January 2nd.	Nathaniel Thomson Berrow,
	25th.	Isaac Henriquez,
		Batholemew Hull,
	April 27th.	Simon Bonan,
	May 11th.	David Robles,
	26th.	Elias Boudinot,
	June 1st.	John Haynes,
	July 30th.	Thomas Milton,
	August 3rd.	Gabriell Le Boyteaux,
	October 11th.	Lewis Carree,
	November 27th.	Dennis Lambart,
1690–1.	February 25th.	John Barberie,
	May 21th.	Jacob Mayle,
		Henry Mayle,
		Samuell Staats,
		Anna Van Skayk,
		Myles Forster,
		John Ellison,
		Lawrence Reade,
	29th.	Joseph Blyndenburgh,
		Benjamin Blyndenburgh,
		Thomas Roberts,
		Nathaniell Marston,

1691.	May 29th.	Peter Chaineau,
		Oliver Besly,
		Peter Belin,
	June 5th.	Ezekiel Grazelier,
		Francis Hulin,
		John Watson,
		Samuell Akid,
		Simon Arnold,
	9th.	Lawrence Cornefleau,
	11th.	Peter Morin,
	15th.	Lewis Davis,
		John Rose,
		Edward Graham,
	13.	John Peters Melott,
	15.	Henry Ford,
	26.	Bernard Richardson,
	July 16.	Peter Barkins,
	August 17th.	Joshua David Senr.,
		Joshua David, Junr.,
		Daniell Tearle,
		John Theobald,
		Michael Boucher.

Freemen made in the Mayorality of Abraham De Peyster Esqr.

1692.	March 30th.	Caleb Heathcote,
		Robert Mellen,
	April 1st.	James Salmon,
		Paul Baugnioux,
	13.	Peter Villeponteaux,
	14.	William Day,
	May 3d.	Paul Droilhet,
	August 26.	Andrew Faucott,
	September 30.	Robert Anderson,
	October 25st.	Robert Downs, Merchant,
	December 20th.	Andrew Groves,
		William Gray,

1693. April 26th. John van Sevenhoul,
William Moyon,
June 22d. Thomas Lawrence,
Jacob Moonah,
Thomas Chambers,
October 13th. Robert Hawkins.

Freemen made in the Mayorality of Charles Lodwik Esqr.

1694. March 27th. Edward Courte,
Richard Plastead,
30th. Nicholas Fielding,
April 12th. John Van Stryde,
May 15th. William Bickley, Senr.,
September 20th. Henry Crosley,
Decembr 14th. Capt. John Evans,
Charles Ribot, Tallow Chandler,
1694–5. February 20th. Hugh Bathursby, Butcher,
March 28th. John Hutchins,
John Hooks, } Ale house
30th. John Hope, } keepers,
Daniell Streing, }
April 1st. John Miller, Chirurgeon,
2d. Ouzeel Van Swieten, Merchant,
John Clapp, Victualler,
18th. Francis Leconte, Victualler,
24th. Stephen Jamain, Merchant,
John Androuet, Victualler,
Caleb Trowbridge, Gentleman,
May 8th. Chidley Brooke, Esqr.,
Daniell Honan, Gentleman,
Capt. Peter Mathews,
William Sharpas, Town Clerk,

695. May 8th. Joseph Smith, Gentleman,
John Morris, Gentleman,
Nicholas Jamain, Merchant,
9th. Michael Toose, Gentleman,
Lieut. John Bulkley,
Thomas Monsey, Gentleman,
Matthew Clarkson Esqr.,
Capt. Benjamin Phipps,
10th. John Tuder, Junr.,
Nicolls Tuder,
John Davy, Victualler,
11th. William Janeway, Gentleman,
John Basford, Gentleman,
14th. William Bradford, Printer,
Thomas Parmyter, Gunner,
John Ashton, Storekeeper,
Thomas Joes, Confectioner,
Matthew Ling, Merchant,
Richard Willett, Merchant,
Benjamin Aske, Merchant,
William Prusher, Butcher,
David Vilant, Schoolmaster,
Thomas Wood, Gentleman,
Andrew Lawrence,
22d. Richard Russell, Glover,
28th. Zacheus Van Tyne,
June 5th. Moses Levy,
6th. William Douglas,
18th. Henry Jourdain,
27th. Hendrick Apple,
29th. Adam Carlee, Weaver,
August 8th. Gabriel Tomson,
26th. Andrew Hamilton Esqr., Gov. of the Jerseys, Complimented,
Daniell Parks Esqr., Complimented,
John Hastier, Shopkeeper,

1695. October 11th. Aaron Schuyler Merchant,
12th. John Le Chevalier, Joyner,
John Bouie,
John De Latane.

Freemen made in the Mayorality of William Merrett Esqr.

November 1st. Alexander Walker, Baker,
18th. John Geddes, Carpenter,
John Kemball,
John Williams,
29th. Edward Hunt, Joyner,
December 5th. George Rescarrick, Victualler,
Samuell Phillips, Blacksmith,
16th. Zachariah Angevine, Taylor,
Anthony Farmer, Victualler,
John Parlier, Ship Carpenter,
Lawrence Waldron, Barber,
18th. Edmund Thomas, Labourer,
Daniell De Voor, Carman, R[egistered],
Cornelius Eggerson, Carman, R
Seevaas Vlierboom, Carman, R
Thomas Smith, Carman, R
John Langstraet, Carman, R
Obadiah Solby, Carman, R
John Theunison Van Tilborough, R
John Douw, Carman, R
Gerrett Cousine, R
Evert Brass, R
Peter Bogart, R
Gerrett Brass, R
John Baker, R

1695. December 18th. Hendrick Jansen Van Brevoort, R[egistered]
Clause Jansen, R
William Pierce, R
Theunis Quick, R
Isaac Abramson, R
Youren Blanck, R
Leonard Degrave, Carman, R
John Thomas, R
James Mills, Merchant, R
Reyneur Mynderts, R
Lodowick Vandenbergh, R
Henry Baignoux, R
20th. Roger Baker, Victualler,
21th. James Wells,
24th. Isaac Garnier, Cordwainer,
Lewis Giton, Chirurgeon,
1695–6. January 28th. Francis Cooley, Carman,
John Sharp, Carpenter,
February 7th. Peter Oday, Carman,*
John Doublett, Carman,
April —. John Horton, Victualler,
May 18th. Richard Yearsly,
22d, William Whitty, Mariner,
June 9th. John Kissime, Carman,
Isaac Lenoir,
20th. William Bickley, Junr.,
23d. Burker Mynderts, Blacksmith,
30th. Peter Pangborne, Carman,
July 16th. Isaac Sloover, Shopkeeper,
August 1st. Richard Potter,
14th. David de Bonrepos,
18th. John Righton,
September 14th. Harmen Rutgerson, Brewer,
16th. Adrian Hoghlandt, Merchant,

*See Appendix No. 6.

1696. September 23d. Henry Francklin, Bricklayer,
October 15. Jacob Do Porto, Merchant,
17th. Isaac Holsenbeeck, Labourer,
18th. Johannes Cross,
November 23d. John Abeel,
1696–7. January 6th. William Green,
February 1st. John Stevens, Tallow Chandler,
3d. Thomas Alleson,
12th. Johannes De Wandelaer, Merchant,
13th. Johannes Cuyler, Merchant,
April 6th. Matthew Gracy,
7th. Edmund Thomas,
21th. William Randall,
Jane Machett,
24th. Johannes Vanderhayden, Taylor,
July 1st. Evert Banker, Merchant,
August 21th. Bartholemew Vouck, Taylor,
September 1st. His Excellency Coll. Benjamin Fletcher, Govornour, &c.,
13th. Thomas Young, Gentleman,
17th. Isaac Rodrigues Marques,
David Jamison, Gentleman,
Thomas Swainy, Carman,
1697–8. January 18th. John Dewilde, Pottmaker,
February 10th. Garrett Lansinge, Baker,
March 3d. Johannes Fontyn, Carman,
29th. Ann Sydenham,
William Morehead, Merchant,
William Simmons, Gunner,
May 10th. John Page, Whiting Maker,
11th. Samuell Bradford, Mariner,
Joseph Cross, Blacksmith,
John Packer, Bricklayer,

1697–8. May 11th. Richard Wise,
John Heath, Sadler,
12th. John Tayler, A Taylor,
13th. James Wright, Tallow Chandler,
16th. Abram Wybrant, Shoemaker, R[egistred]
William Phillips, R
Andries Teller Junr., R
Thomas Howarden, R
Joseph Harwood, R
20th. Daniell Latham, Ship-Wright,
Joseph Latham, Ship Carpenter, R
James Graham Esqr., Recorder, R
Augustine Graham, Gentleman, R
Thomas Palmer, Merchant, R
Phillip French, Merchant, R
Cornelius Jacobs, R
Thomas Noel, Merchant, R
Renatus Rezeau, Mason,
John Latham, Ship Carpenter,
John Coesart, Merchant,
Jonathan Wood, Blockmaker,
22d. Esther David, Widdow,
June 6th. Timothy Kelly, Brickmaker,
Isaac Fernandas Diaz, Merchant,
14th. Hendrick Vanhooven, Shopkeeper,
Joshua Burle, Butcher,
Matthew Collineau, Merchant,
16th. Hugh Farquhar, Chirurgeon,
18th. Thomas Adams, Stationer,

1698. June 18th. Daniell Crommelin, Merchant,
Charles Crommelin, Merchant,
20th. Elias Peltreau, Tallow Chandler, R
John Peltreau, Tallow Chandler, R
Abraham Rezeau, Bricklayer, R
25th. Hendrick Metslaer, Blacksmith, R
30th. William Leathes, Sadler,
July 5th. William Merrett Esqr., Mayor, R
Paul Richard Esqr., Alderman, R
Cornelius Viele, Chirurgeon, R
Everardus Bogardus, Silver Smith, R
Johannes Vanderhule, Bolter, R
Garrett Hollar, Mariner, R
Elias Boudinott, R
Peter Boudinott, R
John Merrett, Gentleman, R
Abram Van Duerse, Shoemaker, R
12th. Abram Vanhorne, Baker, R
Robert White, Joyner, R
19th. Enoch Hill, Cryer and Bellman, R
Jacob Boelen Esqr., Alderman, R
Dirck Benson, Pott Baker, R
Olphert Suerts, R
23d. Alexander Paxton, School Master,

1698. July 23d. John Brawdy, Carpenter,
26th. Peter White, Joyner, R
John Vanhorne, Bolter, R
Cornelius Kiersteade, Silver Smith, R
Henry Coleman, Butcher, R
John White, Joyner, R
Robert Sincklair, Mariner, R
William Morris, Merchant, R
August 3d. James Emott, Gent. Att. at Law, Complimented,
9th. William Galt, Barber,
John Harris, Mariner,
Teunis Tiebout, Carpenter, R
Gerrett Burger, Carpenter, R
Evert Vandewater, Bolter, R
Rene Rezeau Junr., Mason, R
William Haywood, Shipwright, R
Walter Hyer, Shoemaker, R
Gerrett Hyer, Cooper, R
Leonard Lewis Esqr., Alderman, R
David Provoost Esqr., Alderman, R
John Tuder Senr., Gentleman, R
Francis Vincent, Saylemaker, R
Benjamin Wyncoope, Silver Smith, R
John Perry, Carpenter, R
Petrus Kip, Cooper, R
Garrett Viele, Bazier, R
Isaac Montagne, R
Isaac Kip, Cooper, R
Jacob Blom, Turner, R
16th. William Shuttlewood, Feltmaker,

1698. August 16th. Jane Tayler, Widdow,
Thomas Clarke, Merchant, R
Adrian Man, Shoemaker, R
David Coesart, Mason, R
Johannes Vreedenburgh, Carpenter, R

23d. Job Perwidgh,
Emanuell Young,
John Davenport,
William Jewell,
Jacobus Kierstead, Chirurgeon, R
Jacob Bennett, Bolter, R
William White, Hattmaker, R
Jonathan Provoost, Cordwainer, R
Jacobus Cock, Cooper, R
Nicholas Rosevelt, Bolter, R
Gerrett Wouterse, Carpenter, R
Urion Bush, Blacksmith, R
Jacob Van Noostrandt, Black-Smith, R
William Heyer, Cordwainer, R
Peter Burger, Cooper, R
Gerrett Degrave, Carpenter, R
Justice Bush, Blacksmith, R
Simon Bresteade, Cooper, R
Solomon Fredricks, Carpenter, R
Jacobus Isaacs, Carpenter, R
Johannes Provoost, Cooper, R
Barent Hibon, Cooper, R
Samuell Sahane, Weaver, R
John Cooley, Smith, R

1698. August 23d. Henricus Beeckman, Cordwainer, R
William Pell, Ship Carpenter, R
Peter Ryckman, Taylor, R
William Nazarett, Cooper, R
John Nerberry, Chirurgeon, R
Jacob Provoost, Chirurgeon, R
Urion Vandenbergh, Cordwainer, R
John Russell, Brewer, R
Thomas Lewis, Bolter, R
Jacob Van Geosen, Carpenter, R
Johannes Plevier, Cooper, R
Joseph Isaacks, Butcher, R
Jockam Rawlifson, Cordwainer, R
Johannes Van Voorst, Blacksmith, R
Gerrett Janse Roos, Carpenter, R
John Woodard, Cordwainer, R
Andries Abramse, Cordwainer, R
John Euwatse, Pottmaker, R
Thomas Pell, Ship Carpenter, R
Johannes Bant, Cooper, R
30th. William Mountfourd, Stone Cutter,
Edward Everett, Butcher,
Robert Mason, Cordwainer,
Arthur Bunyan, Merchant,
Geoffry Yellerton, Hattmaker,

1698. August 30th. John Sheppard, Cooper,
Joseph Davis, Victualler, R
Gysbert Vanimburgh, Baker, R
Peter Newkerke, Saylemaker, R
Albert Clock, Shoemaker, R
Nicholas Blanck, Shoemaker, R
Abraham Splinter, Cordwainer, R
Benjamin Provoost, Mariner, R
Albertus Ringo, Cordwainer, R
Johannes Hoghlandt, Merchant, R
Johannes Hibon, Carpenter, R
Dirck Teneyck, Cordwainer, R
Zachariah Syckells, Blacksmith, R
Nicholas Gysberts, Carpenter, R
Michael Hawden, Victualler, R
John Laton, Carpenter, R
John Willemse Roome, Carpenter, R
Jacob Hassing, Carpenter, R
Abraham Mesier, Yeoman, R
Claes Bogaert, Yeoman, R
Francis Cowenhoven, Joyner, R
Hendrick Francis, Ship Carpenter, R
Peter Aerentse, Carpenter R

1698. August 30th. Haman Koning, Bricklayer, R
Thomas Roberts, Cooper, R
Hermanus Meyer, Blacksmith, R
Robert Sanders, Trader, R
Charles Deniseau, Weaver, R
Peter Legrand, Tobacconist, R
Johannes Mertier, Combmaker, R
William Roseboom, Baker, R
Daniell Waldron, Gun Stockmaker, R
Joseph Waldron, Shoemaker, R
Jacob Koning, Carpenter, R
Jacob Phenix, Mariner, R
Abraham Vangelder, Carpenter, R
Isaac Depeyster, Merchant, R
Jacobus Berry, Carpenter, R
Johannes Burger, Cordwainer, R
Abraham Keteltas, Blacksmith, R
Leonard Huygen De Kleyn, Baker, R
Peter Willemse Roome, Carpenter, R
Ahasuerus Hendrickse, Silver Smith, R
Peter Symkam Senr., Taylor, R
Paulus Turk Junr., Bricklayer, R

1698. August 30th. Ryer Martense, Bricklayer, R
Timothy Francis, Mariner, R
William Walton, Carpenter, R
Johannes Vangelder, Carpenter, R
Peter Vanderscure, Bricklayer, R
Suert Olpherts, Bricklayer, R
Jacob Bratt, Baker, R
Aert Elbertse, Mariner, R
Hendrick Tenbrooke, Carpenter, R
George Scott, Blacksmith, R
Peter Symkam Junr., Baker, R
John Waushaer, Carpenter, R
Harmanus Burger, Blacksmith, R
Peter Jansen Bant, Cooper, R
Isaac Isaackson Van Duerse, Cordwainer, R
Hartman Wessells, Chirurgeon, R
Peter Vantilborough, Baker, R
John Beeckman, Merchant, R
Joseph Ellis, Mariner, R
September 6th. Harman Van Bursen, Yeoman, R
Abraham Brazier, Pumpmaker, R
Conraet Teneyck Junr.,Cordwainer, R
Abrām Abramse, Cordwainer, R

1698. September 6th. John Nagell, Yeoman, R
John Harris, Baker, R
Johannes Meyer, Yeoman, R
Peter Janse Buss, Cordwainer, R
Johannes Legrange, Blacksmith, R
Hans Kiersteade, Chirurgeon, R
John Delamontagne, Bellringer, R
Hermanus Vangelder, Bricklayer, R
Isaac Vredenburgh, Carpenter, R
George Holmes, Weaver, R
Thomas Eckerse, Carpenter, R
Gerrett Onclebag, Silver smith, R
John Peterson Melott, Blacksmith, R
Martin Cregier, Baker, R
Dirck Uyten Bogart, Cord wainer, R
Stophell Pells, Cordwainer, R
Elias Brevort, Carpenter, R
John Ariantse, Weaver, R
Richard Collard, Weaver, R
Hendrick Bush, Blacksmith, R
Stephen Buckenhoven, Taylor, R
William Welsh, Pavier, R
William Churcher, Bricklayer, R
Abrām Van Aarnam, Blacksmith, R

1698. September 6th. Jeronimus Barrite, Yeoman, R
Albert Low, Yeoman, R
David Devoor, Yeoman, R
Peter Louw, Cordwainer, R
Abraham Metslaer, Cordwainer, R
Teunis Dolson, Yeoman, R

Martin Beeckman, Blacksmith, R
Garrett Dyckman, Wheelwright, R
Lawrence Vanhooke, Cordwainer, R
Arent Bloom, Blockmaker, R
Hendrick Meyer, Carpenter, R
William White Junr., Feltmaker, R
Thomas Sanders, Baker, R
Barent Bush, Cordwainer, R
John Oblinis, Reedmaker, R
Coenraet Teneyck Senr., Cordwainer, R
Tobias Stoutenburgh, Bricklayer, R
Johannes Lantsing, Baker, R
Henry Van Bael, Merchant, R
Dennis Higgaman, Baker, R
Garret Holst, Cordwainer, R
Bernardus Hardenbrooke, Cordwainer, R
Johannes Hardenbrook, Cordwainer, R
John Vreland, Ship Carpenter, R
Isaac Stoutenburgh, Carpenter, R
John Bolt, Yeoman, R

1698. September 6th. Cornelius Vandercoyle, Cornmeasurer, R
Peter Jansen Mesier, Miller, R
Albert Jansen, Bricklayer, R
Casper Neby, Cordwainer, R
20th. Frederick Ellis, Cordwainer, R
Peter King, Victualler, R
26th. George Hulgrove, Victualler, R

Freemen made in the Mayorality of Johannes De Peyster Esqr.

Andries Maerschalck, Bolter, R
William Bogaert, Turner, R
Peter Jacobse, Bricklayer, R
Frans Vandyke, Gunsmith, R
Francis Vandercooke, Bricklayer, R
Joost Lynsen, Baker, R
Johannes Schenck, Schoolmaster, R
Jacobus Geolet, Bricklayer, R
Michael Vandercook, Bricklayer, R
Abraham Boeke, Yeoman, R
Johannes Hardenbrooke, Bolter, R
November 9th. Cornelius Lodge, Merchant,
22d. Daniell Amos, Wine Cooper,
William Aertse, Victualler,
December 13th. Abraham Gouverneur, Gentleman, R
Isaac Gouverneur, Merchant, R

1698. December 13th. Matthias Boeckhout, R
John Fransa Vandermeulen, R
Evert Duyckinck, Limner, R
Abraham Uytersaal, Cordwainer, R

1698–9. January 5th. Joseph Billopp, Merchant,
18th. Jeremiah King, Victualler,
Peter Boeckhout, R

February 2d. George Harrod, Carpenter,
Folkert Herrmans, Baker,
Johannes Depeyster Esq., Mayor, R
Robert Walters Esqr., Alderman, R
Matthias De Harte, Mariner, R
Johannes Paulse, Cordwainer, R
Barent Saunders, Merchant, R
Johannes Byvanck, Turner, R
Isaac Lansen, Cordwainer, R
Bernardus Smith, Cordwainer, R
Jorus Light, Yeoman, R
William Vandewater, Carpenter, R
Cornelius Vandeventer, Carpenter, R
John Pew, Cordwainer, R
Hendrick Wolfertse, Baker, R
John Cannon, Boatman, R
Anthony Rutgers, Baker, R
Johannes Tiebout, Turner, R
Jasper Nessepott Junr., Carpenter, R

1698–9. February 2d. Johannes Dyckman, Baker, R
William Adrianse, Baker, R
3d. John Breesteade, Blacksmith, R
Daniel Berkeloe, Carpenter, R
Marinus Roelifse, Carpenter, R
Rutgert Waldron, Turner, R
Gerrett Duyckinck, Limner, R
William Forbes, Cordwainer, R
Jacob Paulisse, Cordwainer, R
Cornelius Low, Mariner, R
Barent Vantilborough, Feltmaker, R
Obadiah Smith, Feltmaker, R
Claes Burger, Cooper, R
John Evertse, Cooper, R
Johannes Cowenhoven, Baker, R
Abraham Wybrant, Cordwainer, R
Matthias Leunius, Cordwainer, R
Jacob Leunius, Carpenter, R
Baye Crosevelt, Feltmaker, R
4th. Caleb Beck, Mariner,
William Shakerly, Baker, R
Peter Waldron, Mason, R
William Jansen, Distiller, R
William Provoost, Baker, R
Evert Cherrytree, Boatman, R
Francis Wessells, Boulter, R
Peter Rozeau, Mason, R
Jean Boisseau, Cooper, R

1699. March 31th. Robert Craunell,*
May 26th. John Faget, Victualler,
Benjamin Faneuil, Merchant,
Thomas Carroll, Victualler,
June 6th. Maurice Shadbolt, Perriwig-maker,
Thomas Child, Vintner,
13th. John Reade, Porter, R
27th. Bartholemew Feurt, Mariner, R
August 8th. Ralph Rainsford, Butcher,
September 29th. Thomas Hawkins, Baker,
Andries Tiebout, Shop-keeper, R
October 14th. James Harding, Cooper.

Freemen made in the Mayorality of David Provoost, Esqr.†

1699. December 1st. Henry Langley, Weaver,
1699–1700. March 1st. Michael Jansen, Bricklayer, R
27th. John Bachan, Blacksmith,
April 8th. Peter Bassett, Chirurgeon,
May 7th. Thomas Turnbull, Merchant,
George Norton, Butcher,
July 9th. Peter Roos, R
August 28th. Benjamin Blackgrove, Baker,
Daniell Ebbetts, Bricklayer,
Samuell Loveridge, Ship-wright,
George Dod, Baker,
William Adderley, Felt-maker,
David Lyell, Working Gold-smith,
October 8th. Daniell Jandin, Weaver.

* See Appendix No. 11. † See Appendix No. 12.

Freemen made in the Mayorality of Isaac De Riemer Esq^{r}.

1700.	December 6th.	William Robertson, Brewer,
	13.	Lawrence Heddinge, Mariner, R
	17.	Nicholas Evertson, Mariner, R
1700–1.	January 27th.	Robert Nisbett, Taylor,
		Augustus Jay, Merchant,
		Elizabeth Ellison, Seamstriss,
		Benjamin D'hariette, Merchant,
		Caleb Cooper, Merchant,
		Richard Crowne, Butcher,
	March 25th.	Daniell De Witt, Mathematicion,
	April 30th.	Edward Cole, Vintner,
	May 2^{d}.	Richard Sackett, Maulster,
	20th.	Robert Drummond, Porter,
	29th.	William Dowler, Victualler,
	June 24th.	Peter Thauvett, Merchant,
	August 6th.	John Godfrey, Mariner,
	29th.	William Attwood Esq^{r}.,
		Leigh Atwood Esq^{r}.,
		Samson Shelton, Broughton Esq^{r}.,
		Thomas Weaver Esq^{r}.,
	September 1st	Paroculus Parmyter, Gentleman,
		Barne Cosens, Gentleman,
	6th.	Sampson Broughton Esq^{r}.,
	October 1st.	Thomas Evans, Bricklayer,*
	8th.	Roger Jones, Taylor.

Freemen made in the Mayorality of Thomas Noell, Esq^{r}.

	October 23^{d}.	John Nanfan Esq^{r}., Lieu^{t}. Gov^{r}. &c. Complimented,

* See Appendix No. 13.

1701–2. January 6th. William Pemberton, Brazier,
13th. Walter Thong, Merchant,
Thomas Davenport, Merchant,
John Chollwell, Merchant,
William Peartree, Mariner,
William Smith, Merchant,
Robert Allison, Mariner,
20th. Robert Parkinson, Schoolmaster,
Daniell Maddin, Cooper,
John Finch, Mariner,
Oloffe Van Cortlandt, Merchant, R
28th. Anthony Chishull, Upholsterer,
29th. Edward Marshall, Taylor,
February 3d. Lancaster Symes, Mariner,
Richard Overin, Silversmith,
Henry Kemball, Blacksmith,
Thomas Montagne, Merchant, R
Nicholas Dallie, Carpenter, R
Johannes Pieterse Van Vaerden, Baker, R
Cornelius Turke, Mason, R
Johannes Louw, Carpenter, R
3d. Johannes Turke, Carpenter, R
4th. John Vanhorne, Weaver, R
Harmanus Rutgerse, Brewer, R
Mattheus Benson, Bricklayer, R
George Walsgrove, Bricklayer, R
Abraham Vantyle, Shipwright, R

1701–2. February 4th. Harmanus Benson, Carpenter, R
24th. John Gurney, Baker,
Jacobus Bayard, Merchant, R
Johannes Outman, Merchant, R
Jacobus Vanderspiegel, Silver Smith, R
Jacobus Leisler, Gentleman, R
March 17th. Thomas Hooke Junr., Cuttler, R
April 17th. Thomas Jeffers, Mariner,
May 26th. Elias Neau, Bolter,
Johannes Waldron, Yeoman, R
Gysbert Janse Bogaert, Cordwainer, R
Lawrence Cornelisse, Yeoman, R
Samson Benson, Yeoman, R
Johannes Cornelisse, Yeoman, R
Teunis Coursen, Mariner, R
Samuell Waldron, Yeoman, R

The Persons hereafter Named were made Freemen of this Corporation by Order of the Common Council yesterday made, they being the Officers and Soldiers of his Majestie's Garrison at Fort William Henry in this City.*

27th. Lieut. Charles Ashfield, Gentleman,

* See Appendix No. 15.

1702. May 27th. Lieut. Robert Gwyn, Gentleman,
Philip Rokeby, Chirurgeon,
John Maddock, Storekeeper,
William Richardson, Mattross,
Sewaes Morissett, Armourer,
John Reynolds, Sawyer,
John Bowen, Stone Pitcher,
John Bolter, Linnen Draper,
Thomas Coeburne, Bricklayer,
Edward Anderson, Carpenter,
Thomas Jamison, Gardener,
Obadiah Hunt, Cuttler,
John Thorne, Butcher,
Benjamin Amstead, Waterman,
John Allen Senr., Sawyer,
John Allen Junr., Feltmaker,
Alexander Alchorne, Cordwainer,
John Benfield, Soap Boyler,
Robert Bussey, Weaver,
John Bell, Labourer,
Richard Cooper, Pavier,
John Care, Butcher,
Daniel Curtis, Master of Science,
Jonathan Davis, Ryvor,
George Davis, Cordwainer,
William Davis, Joyner,
Bernard Damakin, Gunsmith,
George Fordice, Labourer,
John Floyd, Shipwright,
Thomas Flin, Chirurgeon,
Richard Fleming, Silkweaver,

1702. May 27th. Edward Fitz Gerald, Perriwig Maker,
John Green, Tanner,
Robert Gray,
Joseph Hart, Blacksmith,
Edward Hunt, Weaver,
Thomas Killmaster, Glover,
John Lucas, Butcher,
Edward Lambeth,
Thomas Lyon, Barber,
Daniell MacDaniell,
James Nicolls, Joyner,
William Orchard, Cordwainer,
Nathaniel Peake, Silk Weaver,
Henry Povey, Taylor,
Andrew Panton,
Thomas Pattfield, Sadler,
William Stoaks, Miller,
William Smith, Taylor,
Richard Steward, Blacksmith,
Thomas Scurlock, Vintner,
Charles Timmings, Taylor,
Richard Tobin, Maulster,
George Williams, Blacksmith,
George Wright, Pavier,
James Walters, Stockener,
Richard Yeats, Tanner,
Peter Marks, Butcher,
Alexander Cope, Carpenter,
Samuell Golding, Weaver,
Edward Hasett,
Thomas Steward, Dyer,
John Moore,
John James,
Lieut. John Riggs, Gentleman,
Lieut. Charles Oliver,

1702. May 27th. Francis Garnett, Adjutant,
Francis Shearman, Clothier,
George Smith, Wine Cooper,
Thomas Button, Perriwig Maker,
Christopher Dodge, Wheelwright,
Edward Davis, Weaver,
Thomas Lewis, Tanner,
James White, Coach maker,
James Adams,
Abraham Brooks, Barber,
Richard Bovell, Miller,
Edward Blake, Perriwigmaker,
Joshua Brooks, Farrier,
Joseph Barnwell, Taylor,
William Brisbin,
Phillip Battin, Butcher,
John Braden, Feltmaker,
Thomas Bowden, Cordwainer,
Nicholas Brown,
William Callaway,
John Conneley,
William Clarke,
Richard Davis, Brewer,
John Doleman, Cordwainer,
William Elliot, Taylor,
William Staley,
Thomas Evans,
Silas Ford, Clothworker,
John Ford,
John Grigs, Silkweaver,
Thomas Grigson, Mariner,
Stephen Holloway,
John Hope, Woollen Draper,
John Harris,

1702. May 27th. John Hodge,
John Jones, Taylor,
John Johnson, Miller,
Daniell Jones, Waterman,
Thomas Jones, Locksmith,
John Kingston, Baker,
Alexander Mackay, Maulster,
Francis Holmes, Spectacle Maker,
John Moore, Miller,
Thomas Major,
John Marks, Vintner,
Edward Merrett, Clothier,
Charles Mansfield, Brewer,
Ferguson Maccloud, Tanner,
Peter Paine, Painter,
Thomas Parker, Butcher,
John Reade, Cordwainer,
Thomas Raer, Soapboyler,
John Simpson, Tobacconist
John Tanner, Clothier,
Edward White, Labourer,
John Williams, Cordwainer,
Job Willington, Feltmonger,
John Wood, Mercer,
Thomas Waldron,
William Waddington, Carpenter,
Jonathan Willford, Cooke,
Robert Williams, Stocking Weaver,
Thomas Woodland, Weaver,
Knight Younge, Vintner,
Francis Kendall,
John Cullum,
John Sadler,
John Osmond,
Thomas Hews, Blacksmith,
Peter Bayard, Mariner, R

1702. May 30th. William Chambers, Mariner,
Henry Macintoshe, Gentleman,
John Sellwood, Schoolmaster,
Stephan Skeat, Currier,
Lewis Riviere, Shipwright,
George Maynard, Watchmaker,
Samuell Drew, Joyner,
Robert Anderson, Porter,
Richard Green, Ropemaker,
Peter Nontels, Gentleman,
Ralph Thurman, Baker,
John James Minveille, Mariner,
Peter Galuad, Mariner,
Phillip Joneau, Cooper,
Stephen Perdriau, Mariner,
Albert Debris, Mariner,
William Diggs, Pewterer,
James Haswell,
Stephen Valleau, Cooper,
John Peter Selenave, Currier,
Thomas Worden, Pipemaker,
David Law, Chirurgeon,
Jeremiah Callcutt, Butcher,
Richard Banks, Shipwright,
Amant Bonnin, Mariner,
John Bond, Mariner,
Thomas Eustace, Butcher,
William Hall, Blacksmith,
James Bussey,
Benjamin Thong, Leatherdresser,
Abraham Vanderbeeck, Bricklayer, R

1702. May 30th. Gerret Schuyler, Merchant, R
Jacobus Kiersteade, Mariner, R
Beverley Latham, Shipwright, R
Benjamin Kip, Silversmith, R
Cornelius Kiersteade, Silversmith, R
Thomas Allison, Carman, R
Gyles Gaudineau, Chirurgeon, R
Peter Henyon, Turner, R
John Vanderbeeck, Bricklayer, R
John Membrut, Shipwright, R
William Livinus, Joyner, R
James Davy, Merchant, R
June 9th. William Shearman, Taylor,
Christopher Gillcard, Cordwainer,
Isaac Clouder, Ropemaker,
Henry Taylor, Bricklayer,
Samuell Bourdett, Mariner,
John Lafont, Confectioner,
John Braddick, Mariner,
Anthony Yellerton, Last Maker,
Peter Bontecou, Schoolmaster,
Daniell Robert, Mariner,
Vincent Tillou, Mariner,
Peter Rolland, Mariner,
Jacob Adams, Butcher,
Andries Teneyck, Cordwainer, R
Albert Holst, Cordwainer, R
Gabriel Thibou, Joyner, R

1702. June 9th. William Cooke, Cordwainer, R
Jacob Teneyck, Baker, R
Dennis Wortman, Baker, R
James Cebra, Marriner, R
William Hodges, Barber, R
Daniel Maynard, Taylor, R
Richard Greener, Sadler, R
Isaac Bratt, Baker, R.

The following persons were made free of this Corporation by Order of Common Council made ye 27th Instant, being Gent. and Servants that Came from England with his Excellency the Lord Cornbury.*

30th. John Bridges Esqr., Dr. of Laws,
John Person, Gentleman,
Charles Congreve, Gentleman,
Robert Milward, Attorney at Law,
William Carter, Gentleman,
Peter Faucounnier, Gentleman,
Christopher Denne, Carpenter,
Henry Swift,
William Lovell, Gentleman,
Edward Rich Esqr.,
John Freeman,
William Bissill,
John David, Saylemaker, R
July 7th. Thomas Bennet,
John Clothworth, Mariner,

* See Appendix No. 17.

1702. July 7th. Joseph Wright, Mariner,
Gerrett Van Laer, Baker, R
11th. William Russell, Free Mason,
August 11th. John King, Shipwright.

Freemen made in the Mayorality of Phillip French, Esqr.

December 1st. His Excellency Edward Viscount Cornbury, Governour, &c:— } Complimented,*
2d. Charles Wolley, Merchant,
John Barrow, Merchant,
William Davis, Gentleman,
Benjamin Barnes,†
26th. Richard Harris, Vintner,
1702–3. January 12th. John Davis, Merchant,
Benjamin Oldis, Feltmaker,
William Berkley, Mariner,
February 15th. Thomas Dyer, Carpenter,
Thomas Harvey, Carpenter,
March 2d. John Scott, Merchant,
John Cruger, Merchant,
9th. Elias Desgrange, Perriwig Maker,‡
23d. James Targee, Apothecary, R
April 20th. Patrick Crawford, Merchant,
22d. Andrew Stuckey, Merchant,
May 11th. Abraham Van Laer, Mariner, R
James Blom, Mariner,
June 10th. John Forster, Wool Comber,
23d. Hugh Crow, Victualler,
July 9th. John Troop, Perriwig Maker,
16th. Dan Thwaites, Schoolmaster.

*See Appendix No. 18. †See Appendix No. 20. ‡See Appendix No. 21.

Freemen made in the Mayorality of William Peartree, Esq[r].

1703.	October 23[d].	George Booth, Joyner, Matthias Pooley, Painter, Nicholas Pooley, Taylor,*
	November 9[th].	James Many, Mariner,
1703–4.	January 4[th].	John Cazalet, Perriwigmaker,
	20[th].	Thomas Husk, Feltmaker,
	February 15[th].	Aronout Hendrickse, Carman, R
	March 14[th].	John Maclenan, Mariner,
	May 2[d].	John James Fouchard, Victualler, Joshua Soulice, Taylor,
	11[th].	John Vigneau, Fisherman,
	July 4[th].	Griffith Jones, Boatman, James Gamewell, Turner,
	August 21[st].	Thomas Gallaway, Mariner,
	November 13[th].	George Clarke Esq[r]., Secr'y —Complimented, Thomas Byerly Esq[r]., Rec. Gen[l].—Complimented,†
1705.	April 3[d].	William Horsewell, Pewterer,
	11[th].	Evan Jones, Butcher, Humphrey Perkins, Mariner,
	May 10[th].	John Auboyneau, Merchant, Thomas Bayeux, Merchant, James Perot, Victualler,
	15[th].	Alexander Allaire, Cooper, John Magnon, Taylor, Archibald Morris, Mariner,
	July 24[th].	John Sloss, Merchant,
	August —	Jonathan Squier, Victualler,
	September 11[th].	John Collins, Cordwainer,
	17[th].	Edward Spragg, Butcher,
	25[th].	Daniell Foy, Victualler, Roger Brett, Merchant,

*See Appendix No. 22. †See Appendix No. 23.

1705. September 28th. John Gardner, Victualler,
October 16th. Isaac Thibou, Merchant,
Thomas Crouch, Joyner,
November 1st. William Leconte, Farmer,
7th. William Lieuthead, R
December 4th. Isaac Napthaly, Merchant,
1705–6. February 12th. Lewis Gomez, Merchant,
March 19th. Robert Hickman, Mariner,
26th. Andrew Broughton, Victualler,
April 16th. Richard Warner, Carman,
Peter Garrettse, Carman, R
30th. Andrew Dupuy, Mariner,
May 17th. Jonathan Broadhurst, Victualler,
28th. Thomas Statham, Perriwig Maker,
July 4th. Richard Rowe, Mariner,
23d. Anthony Young, Tallow Chandler,
Peter Murdock, Wool Comber,
September 3d. Phillip Brookes, Mariner,
1707. April 1st. John Theobalds, Barber,
July 8th. Thomas Chattam, Mariner,
August 5th. Andrew Hannis, Blacksmith,
September 2d. John Gacherie, Victualler,
16th. Benjamin Jouriney, Joyner,
30th. James Elines, Mariner,
Richard Lott, Upholsterer.

Freemen made in the Mayorality of Ebenezer Wilson, Esqr.

October 30th. Charles Sharpas, Cooper,
1708. March 30th. William Hammond, Shipwright,
John Smith, Haberdasher,

1708. April 13th. Jeremiah Redding, Labourer,
May 18th. Folkert Van Hoesen, Victualler,
22d. Bartolemew Schaats, Silversmith, R
25th. Benjamin Taylor, Glazier, R
Thomas Tuder, Mariner, R
June 11th. John Staples, Gentleman,
Peter Burstel, Chirurgeon,
July 6th. Abraham De Lucena, Merchant,
7th. John Guest, Sadler,
20th. Anthony Lynch, Merchant,
August 3d. May Bickley Esqr., Attorney Genl., Complimented,
Jacob Regnier Esqr., Barrister at Law, Complimented,*
4th. Robert Campbell, Porter,
Thomas Randolph, Gardiner, R
31st. Elias Nezereau, Merchant,
John Parr, Cordwainer,
Alexander Moore, Sadler,
September 14th. John Stevens, Schoolmaster, R
November 2d. Joseph Dwight, Joyner,
1708–9. February 1st. Joseph Robinson, Merchant,
Rickard Burk, Merchant,
His Excellency John Lord Lovelace, Governor,
Roger Mompesson Esqr., Chief Justice,
Coll. John Redknap, Engineer,
} Complimented,†

* See Appendix No. 25.

† See Appendix No. 31.

1708–9.	February 1st.	Francis Harison, Gentleman,	Complimented,*
		Thomas Cockeril, Gentleman,	
		Thomas Wood, Gentleman,	
		Joseph Grange,	
	2d.	Jeremiah Williams, Shipwright,	
	22d.	Andrew Bradford, Printer,	
	March 12th.	William Bond, Gentleman,†	
	29th.	James Batterson, Watchmaker,	
		John Lyndsey, Gentleman,	
		Phillip Davis, Gentleman,	
	April 19th.	Jockens Roelofsen, Carman,	
	June 7th.	Alexander Mills, Perriwigmaker,	
	July 5th.	William Glencross, Merchant,	
	August 6th.	Lawrence Eckles, Victualler,	
		Rene Hett, Merchant,	
	23d.	William Hobbs, Carpenter,	
	30th.	James Goodwin, Currier,	
	November —	Allane Jarrat, Shopkeeper,	
	December 6th.	James Ballereau, Shipwright,	
	13th.	Robert Livingston, Merchant,	
		John Roy, Merchant,	
1710.	April 18th.	Frederick Jacobs, Carman, R	
	25th.	William Crom, Carman,	
	June 6th.	Joseph Aspinwall, Mariner,	
	20th.	James Martindale, Merchant,	
	July 4th.	Thomas Kearney, Merchant,	
	25th.	His Excellency Robt. Hunter Esq., Governour,‡	
		Benjamin Peck, Leather Dresser,	

* See Appendix No. 31. † See Appendix No. 32. ‡ See Appendix No. 35.

1710. August 8th. Joseph Berry, Taylor,
22d. Andrew Fresneau, Merchant,
Noah Cazalett, Merchant,
John Keill, Gentleman, } Complimented,*
Archibald Kennedy, Gentleman, }
October 11th. Richard Abeel, Glover,
Nathaniel Smith, Vintner,
William Brown, Blacksmith.

Freemen made in the Mayorality of Jacobus Van Cortlandt Esqr.

31st. Jonathan Daniell, Joyner,
November 28th. Henry Veorduyn, Gentleman, R
December 19th. Rene Tongrelou, Merchant,
1710–11. February 27th. Charles Teller, Merchant,
March 29th. William Warner, Victualler,
Peter Machett, Mariner, R
William Brewer, Feltmaker, R
May 1st. William Hunt, Victualler,
18th. John Webb, Victualler,
July 24th. John Pieterse, }
John Thomas, } Mariners, G [Gratis]
Matthias Lawrence, }
August 11th. Thomas Cox, Butcher,
Stephen Chardavoine, Cooper, R
21st. Jacob Franks, Merchant,
September 11th. Benjamin Bill, Mariner.

* See Appendix No. 36.

Freemen made in the Mayorality of Caleb Heathcote Esq^r.

1711.	October 30th.	James You, Perriwig Maker,
1711–12.	January 15th.	Hendrick Bryce, Carman,
	May 7th.	Andrew Nandin, Victualler, R
	24th.	Thomas Sherrard, Taylor,
	27th.	Christopher Akars, Gardiner,
		John Johnston, Barber, &c.,
	July 15th.	Thomas Tarpy, Cooper,
		Thomas Haydon, Currier,
		Andrew Forrister, Taylor,
	August 5th.	John Stell, Joyner, R
		Cornelius Cornelison, Silversmith, R
	August 26th.	Benjamin Roberts, Perriwig Maker,
		James Brown, Perriwig Maker, R
	September 9th.	Peter Steel, Brazier,
	October 25th.	William Eyre, Merchant,
	November 4th.	John Mackay, Victualler,
		Thomas Codman, Victualler,
	11th.	Rodrigo Pacheco, Merchant,
		John Drury, Victualler,
	25th.	James Maxwell, Merchant,
		William Dugdale, Merchant,
		Gregory Yarder, Mariner,
	December 12th.	Jacob Boyce, Carman,
1712–13.	January 6th.	Robert Robinson, Gentleman,
	February 4th.	James Spurling, Mariner,
	24th.	Humphrey Salisbury, Merchant,
	March 31st.	John Wright, Watchmaker,
		John Gordon, Victualler,
		Peter Arkell, Gunsmith,
		Richard Trueman, Carman,
	April 14th.	William Bouquet, Blacksmith, R

1713. May 5th. George Allen, Shopkeeper,
Johannes Buys, Carman,
John Graham, Gentleman, R
6th. Johannes Ostrande, Feltmaker, R
June 2d. John Marinus, Labourer,
Richard Huggins, Perriwig Maker,
John Dunn, Taylor,
9th. Joseph Phillips, Watchmaker,
Thomas Stow, Taylor,
William Webling, Butcher,
Valentine Campanal, Butcher,
August 4th. Abraham Brock, Merchant,
James DuPre, Gentleman,
25th. Peter Willcock, Butcher,
November 3d. Edward Eastham, Taylor,
Lawrence Smith, Gentleman,
December 15th. James Bergereon, Baker,
Isabrant Van Cliffe, Butcher,
1713–14. February 16th. John Samm, Victualler,
March 9th. Thomas Medley, Shopkeeper,
April 13th. Nicholas Mattysen, Blacksmith,
May 4th. Peter Gardemoy, Carpenter,
Robert Drake, Barber Surgeon,
18th. John Guest, Currier,
Peter Keighley, Mariner,
June 1st. Christopher Rousby, Gentleman,
22d. Moses Hart, Merchant,
29th. Rous Clopton, Gentleman,
July 27th. Edward Churchill, Pipemaker,
October 12th. Germanicus Andrews, Upholsterer,
14th. John Rolland, Mariner.

Freemen made in the Mayorality of John Johnston Esq^r.

1714.	October 26th.	Abraham Blanck, Carman, R
	November 2d.	James Welch, Joyner, R
	16th.	John Haywood, Barber, R
	December 7th.	Fletcher Mathews, Gentleman, R
		Henry Holland, Gentleman, Gratis *
		Thomas Garland, Gentleman, Gratis
		John Hyat, Founder,
		Lawrence Silk, Carman,
1714–15.	January 5th.	David Minvieille, Merchant,
	15th.	Charles Pinkethman, Gentleman, Complimented,*
	March 15th.	Jacob Lambertse, Carman, R
	29th.	Thomas Fell, Gentleman,
		Peter Fosbergh, Baker,
		Agnes Boyce, Spinster,
		Fredrick Seabring, Shopkeeper,
		Thomas Noxon, Distiller,
		John Macloud, Victualler,
	30th.	Ariantie Doolhagen,
		Jacob Swaen, Feltmaker, R
	April 5th.	Jonas Gandy, Labourer, Gratis
		Zachariah Hutchins, Butcher,
	12th.	Nicholas Devous, Weaver, R
		Thomas Noble, Butcher,
	23d.	Elizabeth Fairday,
	May 3d.	Jeremiah Bright, Perriwig Maker,
	31st.	Adrian Abramson, Merchant,
	June 7th.	Mordechai Gomez, Merchant,
	21st.	John Hibon, Cooper, R

* See Appendix No. 39.

1715. June 21st. Joseph Prosser, Bricklayer, R
Thomas Lynch, Mariner, P[aid]
28th. John Du Puy, Chirurgeon, P
Thomas Slow, Victualler, P
July 13th. Thomas Brasier, Victualler,
19th. Johann Michael Schultz, Taylor,
Gerrit Van Ranst, Painter,*
John Conrad Codwise, Schoolmaster,
George Cocke, Vintner,
George Elsworth, Junr., R
August 3d. Richard Grist, Butcher,
23d. Dennis Doolhagen, Victualler,
Christian Hartman, Joyner,
Michael Peffer, Labourer,
30th. Thomas Smith, Yeoman,
October 4th. John Delamontagne, Junr., R
11th. Octavo Coenraet, Merchant.

Freemen made in the Second Year of the Mayorality of John Johnston Esqr.

18th. Henry Brugman, Ropemaker,
Peter Colvel, Ropemaker,
November 15th. Nathaniel Morey, Heel Maker,
Abraham Fairday, Mariner,
William Jackson Junr., Cordwainer,
Johannes Harberdwick, Cordwainer,
Gerardus Beeckman, Chirurgeon, R

* See Appendix No. 40.

1715. November 15th. James Jenkins, Carman,
29th. Thomas Miller, Butcher,
1715–16. January 9th. Joseph Richards, Mariner,
10th. Henry Bricard, Merchant,
Baruch Judah, Merchant,
February 28th. Abraham Pereira, Tallow Chandler,
Judah Morris, Merchant,
Richard Bishop, Barber Surgeon,
James Padwick, Baker,
Thomas Ingram, Cooper,
Henry Brass, Carman, R
March 27th. Elias Chardavoine, Victualler,
Henry Pountenay, Butcher,
April 17th. Joshua Low, Sadler,
24th. John Wytt, Merchant,
John Searle, Mariner,
George Talbot, Carpenter,
Thomas Grant, Joyner,
Ellick Clarck, Mariner,
William Jenkins, Taylor,
Henry Gillam, Joyner,
Joseph Leddel, Pewterer,
Isaac Twentyman, Taylor,
Anthony Tivanni, Perriwigmaker,
John Ebbert, Taylor,
John Sibley, Joyner,
Francis Sylvester, Cooper,
William Stock, Brazier,
John Bell, Carpenter,
John Staff, Feltmaker,
Thomas Grigg, Joyner,
William Carlile, Mariner,
Thomas Elde, Blacksmith,
John Willox, Turner,
Thomas Oaks, Tinman, Gratis,

1716.	April 24th.	Ebenezer Mors, Blacksmith,
		John Smith, Currier,
		George Illman, Carpenter,
		Dirck Egbertse, Baker, R
		Frans Van Dyke, Mariner, R
		Anthony Lewis, Cooper, R
		Gilbert Livingston, Merchant, R
		William May, Mariner,
	May 8th.	Coenraet Teneyck, Silversmith, R
	June 5th.	William Gilbert, Baker,
		Abraham Palding, Carman, R
	12th.	George Holroyd, Victualler,
	19th.	Phillip Dernie, Mariner,
		Henricus Anthony, R
	July 3d.	Thomas Johnson, Boatman,
	September 11th.	Elias Votier, Mariner,
	25th.	Isaac Bouyer, Cuttler,
		Charles Pickering, Dyer,
	October 2d.	James Arden, Carpenter,
	9th.	John Burnett, Skinner,
		Peter Hains, Ocean Labourer.

Freemen made in the Third Year of the Mayorality of John Johnston Esqr.

	October 16th.	Everet Aertse, Carman, R
	23d.	William Taylor, Scalemaker,
	November 20th.	John Yerworth, Shipwright,
	December 18th.	George Elsworth Senior, Butcher, R
		Anthony Byvanck, R
1716–17.	January 22d.	George Webb, Mariner,
	February 12th.	Robert Crannell Junr., Glazier, R
		John Stout, Barber, R

1716–17. February 19th. Henry Parcell, Carman,
William Dobbs, Cordwainer, R
May 7th. William Lewine, Mariner,
Thomas Potts, Cordwainer,
Thomas Inglis, Painter,
21st. Barent Barheyt, Carman, R
Gysbert Van Vlecq, Carman, R
June 4th. Abraham Price, Blacksmith,
July 9th. Matthew Bell, Carman,
John Denton, Butcher,
George Aston, Tanner,
Jonathan Hunter, Tanner,
23d. David Galatian, Taylor,
John Skip, Butcher,
Francis Masters, Apothecary,
30th. Anthony Duane, Merchant,
John Kelly, Merchant,
Jonathan Broderick, Carman,
August 20th. John Dean, Mariner, R
September 3d. Benjamin Foster, Merchant,
October 1st. John Dunk, Victualler,
November 19th. Richard Ashfield, Merchant, R
26th. Jacob Banker, Carman,
December 17th. Isaac Bedlow, Marriner, R
William Cheshire, Merchant,
1717–18. February 18th. John Dunlap, Cordwainer, R
April 1st. Richard Worgan, Cordwainer,
John Marsh, Mason,
8th. Richard Thomas, Victualler,
17th. Charles King, Mariner,
22d. Nehemiah Partridge, Limner,
Elias Chardavoine Junr., Cooper, R
May 13th. Joseph Haviland, Victualler,
July 8th. Christopher Hopkins,

1718	July 8th.	John Lessley, Mariner,
		Jonathan Oakley, Taylor,
		Edmund Hawkins, Mariner, Gratis,
		Samuell Loveridge, Shipwright, R
	August 5th.	Nicholas Carow, Jeweller,
		Tobias Boel, Attorney at Law,
		Abraham De Casarez, Tallow Chandler,
		Samuell Richards, Distiller,
	19th.	John Nicolls, Apothecary,
	26th.	Francis Bassett, Pewterer, R
	September 30th.	George Carpenter, Butcher,
		Isaac Cannon, Carman, R.

Freemen made in the Mayorality of John Johnston Esqr. in the fifth year of his Mayorality.

	November 4th.	William Connor, Marriner,
		Euwout Ewoutsen, Potmaker, R
	December 2d.	Joseph Latham Junr., Shipwright, R
	9th.	John Blake, Shipwright,
1719.	April 2d.	Thomas Mayes, Victualler,
	21st.	William Byfield, Mariner,
		Ezekiel Bouyot, Mariner, R
		John Pelletreau, Joyner, R
		Charles Barre, Baker, R
	May 26th.	Matthias Nack, Gunsmith,
	June 2d.	Arnout Schermerhorn, Cordwainer, R
	July 21st.	Jeremiah Chardavoine, Taylor, R
	August 4th.	Samuell Lancelott, Marriner,
		Thomas Banks, Taylor,

1719. August 18th. Thomas Hopkins, Merchant,
September 1st. Andrew Hay, Perriwigmaker,
Robert Harrison, Baker.

Freemen made in the Second Mayorality of Jacobus Van Cortlandt Esqr.

October 27th. Phillip Cockrem, Mariner,
November 3d. James Vincent, Dyer,
Thomas Smith, Carman,
William Bradford Junr., Pewterer, R
10th. Thomas Wenman, Upholsterer,
17th. Paulus Hopper, Carman, R
Casparus Blank Junr., Carman, R
Jacobus Delamontagne, Carman, R
Lucas Stoutenburgh, Carman, R
Anthony Carr, Carman, R
Jacob King, Carman, R
24th. Jacob Pitt, Carman,
Thomas Gleaves, Joyner, R
Thomas Noxon Junr., Joyner, R
1719–20. February 16th. Johannes Teneyck, Mariner, R
Philip Van Borsom, Cordwainer, R
David Kermer, Boatman, R
23d. David Davis, Currier,
March 1st. Anthony Webb, Baker,
Elias Membret, Cordwainer, R
25th. Oliver Whitehead, Fustian Maker,

1720. May 3d. William Osborn, Mariner,
10th. William Watson, Marriner,
17th. Robert Duncan, Taylor,
24th. Joseph Kingston, Joyner,
William Rankin, Carman,
31st. Harman Vandewater, Carman,
Samuell Young, Cordwainer, R
June 14th. James Creighton, Barber, R
21st. Elizabeth Heurtin, Widow,
July 12th. Jemima Haley, Widow,
August 2d. Teunis De Voor, Carman, R
16th. Ralph Potter, Taylor,
30th. Adolph Brouwer, Carpenter,
October 4th. Lewis Allaire, Merchant,
His Excell: William Burnet Esqr., Complimented.*

Freemen made in the Mayorality of Robert Walter Esqr.

November 1st. Isaac Kip, Cooper,
8th. Josiah Millikin, Barber,
John Hutton, Goldsmith, R
22d. Daniell Miller, Sadler,
December 6th. Peter Bedlow, Mariner, R
13th. William Connihane, Taylor,
Gilbert Miller, Cordwainer,
Israel Horsefield, Butcher,
John Horne, Wheelwright, R
20th. John Ripple, Baker, R
John Thurman, Baker, R
1720–21. January 17th. Joseph Haines, Merchant,
Oliver Earle, Leather Dresser,

* See Appendix No. 45.

1720–21. January 31st. Richard Talbot, Pullymaker,
February 7th. Daniell Potter, Carman, Gratis,
28th. Jacob Price, Mariner,
May 16th. Thomas Jennings, Carman,
Joshua Quereau, Blacksmith, R
Daniel Lamoureux, Cordwainer, R
23d. John Jackson, Tobacconist,
George Browning, Schoolmaster,
Abraham Jouneau, Merchant, R
June 6th. John Perry, Carman, R
Cornelius Cousine, Carman, R
20th. John Houseman, Carman,
John Craikhoyt, Carman,
John Fordham, Taylor,
Jacob Miller, Sadler, R
Allard Anthony, Cordwainer, R
July 4th. John Membret, Bricklayer, R
11th. Peter Vergereau, Silversmith, R
August 8th. William Smith Junr., Gentleman, Son of William Smith, Merchant, } R
15th. Daniel Pouttreau, Wigmaker, R
John Dyer, Tallow Chandler,
September 26th. John Remerse, Gardiner,
John Giveen, Cordwainer,
Peter Degrove, Cordwainer, R
Garrett Wendell, Taylor, R
October 10th. Lawrence Kinnen, Carman.

Freemen made in the Second Year of the Mayorality of Robert Walter Esq[r].

1721. October 17[th]. Jacob Hasey, Heelmaker,
John Abramson, Merchant,
Nicholas Eyres, Brewer,
24[th]. Phillip Gilliot, Carman,
November 14[th]. Daniel Polhemus, Baker,
December 5[th]. Samuel Bellknap, Carpenter,
19[th]. Samuell Rout, Baker,
1721–22. February 7[th]. John De Voor, Carman, R
Peter Lott, Carman,
20[th]. William Glover, Schoolmaster,
March 13[th]. Andrew Gereau, Cordwainer, R
20[th]. Richard Herring, Victualler,
William Lane, Victualler,
April 3[d]. Thomas Ford, Victualler,
10[th]. Ninion Chalouer, Tallow Chandler,
Samuell Weaver, Tanner,
Thomas Dobson, Glover,
17[th]. Edward Jones, Wigmaker,
May 1[st]. James Hutchins, Glover,
Harman Stout, Saylemaker, R
Samuel Vincent, Mariner, R
8[th]. William North, Gentleman, P[aid]
22[d]. Elias Burger, R
June 5[th]. Thomas Marshall, Carpenter, P
26[th]. Henry Schleydorn, Taylor, P
July 3[d]. James Munden, Staymaker, P
10[th]. Abraham Russell, Bricklayer, P

1722. August 7th. Robert Wrimalls, Bricklayer, P
21st. William Walling, Baker, P
Richard Armstrong, Turner, P
28th. David Harwood, Tallow Chandler, P
October 23d. John Ellison, Merchant, R.

Freemen made in the Third Year of the Mayorality of Robert Walter Esqr.

1722–23. January 8th. John LeRoux, Goldsmith, R
22d. James Weeks, Schoolmaster,
April 2d. Baruch Cole, Mariner,
John Mitchell, Shipwright,
John Lanyon, Miner,
John Margeson, Mariner,
9th. Samuell Pell, Shipwright, R
30th. Zerujah Carter, Widow,
June 11th. Roger Groves, Feltmaker,
Alexander De Bonrepos, Saylemaker, R
July 16th. Dennis Riche, Shipwright,
Thomas Black, Victualler,
Richard Lamprey, Wax Chandler,
23d. Joseph Robinson, Cordwainer,
Thomas Robinson, Tanner,
25th. Capt. Peter Solgard, Complimentary,*
30th. Joost Sooy, Mariner,
August 6th. Abraham Isaacks, Merchant,
Sebrant Brouwer, Bricklayer, R

* See Appendix No. 46.

1723. August 20th. Gulian Verplank, Merchant, R
September 10th. Richard Thackoway, Butcher,
Samuell Ask, Glover, R
Bartell Miller, Cordwainer, R
John Pieter Zenger, Printer, R
17th. John Walton, Schoolmaster,
Jacob Morne, Chirurgeon, R
Samuel Lawrence, Mariner, R
24th. Edward Alleyn, Sadler,
John Smith, Carpenter.

Freemen made in the Fourth Year of the Mayorality of Robert Walter Esqr., and in the Fifth Year of his Mayorality.

October 22d. John Dighton, Tanner,
Owen Callaghane, Carpenter, R
November 6th. Peter Minvielle, Merchant,
December 24th. John Hewson, Cordwainer, R
1723–24. January 21st. James Sibbit, Cooper,
February 11th. Elias Garish, Blacksmith,
March 24th. John Hutton, Shipwright, R
April 14th. Robert Lucas, Founder,
John Howes, Baker,
May 5th. Thomas Wildman, Victualler,
Michael Hamlin, Butcher,
12th. Mitchell Somerset, Gentleman,
Thomas Nixon, Mariner,
Solomon Meyers, Shopkeeper,
June 16th. John Wall, Victualler,

1724. June 16th. Anthony Ward, Clockmaker,
30th. William Lawrence, Weaver,
July 14th. Edward Hayter, Cooper,
John Saxberry, Joyner, R
Lucas Peck, Joyner, R
21st. Joseph Pennyman, Merchant,
August 11th. Francis Vanderberg, Brazier,
Peter Loce, Carman,
September 22d. John Cooley, Blacksmith,
October 13th. James Lowey, Mariner,
27th. Jean Claudi, Taylor,
Francis Clerembault, Joyner,
John Patch, Ivory Turner,
1724–5. January 9th. Gilbert Warner, Distiller,
19th. Edmund Peers, Mariner,
February 2d. Henry Cuyler, Merchant,
Jacobus Kip Esqr., Alderman, R
Hermanns Vangelder Esqr., Alderman, R
Phillip Cortlandt Esqr., Alderman, R
John Walter, Merchant,
10th. Abraham Boelen, Merchant, R
Henry Vanderspiegel, Merchant, R
Andrew Teller, Merchant, R
Peter Mesier, Brewer, R
Barent Deforeest, Glazier, R
Jonathan Sherer, Schoolmaster,
16th. Cornelius Santford, Merchant, R
Charles LeRoux, Goldsmith, R
Garret Roos, Shopkeeper, R
William Beekman, Chirurgeon, R

1724–5. February 16th. Gerrardus Beekman, Merchant, R
Richard Van Dam, Merchant, R
Cornelius Vanhorne (Garrett's son), R
23d. Petrus Rutgers, Brewer, R
Frederick Williams, Baker, R
Abraham Aelstyn, Bricklayer, R
Isaac Van Hoeck, Cordwainer, R
Aaron Van Hoeck, Cordwainer, R
Egbert Van Barson, Cooper, R
Walter Hyer, Mason, R
Theophilus Elsworth, Bricklayer, R
May 4th. Thomas Lawrence, Joyner,
Johannes Hibon Junr., Carpenter, R
11th. Benjamin Bate, Cordwainer,
John Lewis Pintard, Merchant,
25th. Katherine Webb, Spinster,
June 1st. Peregrine Sandford, Woodmonger,
Mary Binam, Widow,
15th. John Sellens, Taylor,
22d. Peter Finch, Schoolmaster,
24th. Charles Wells, Mariner,
29th. James Darcey, Mariner,
Richard Goodin, Locksmith,
August 4th. Samuel Broadhurst, Silversmith, R
James Nisbitt, Taylor,
September 7th. Jacob Goelet, Mariner, R
John Goelet, Feltmaker, R

1725. September 7th. Richard Berry, Joyner, R
John Vansise, Joyner, R
Hendrick Bogaert, Baker, R
Phillip Riche, Shipwright, R
James Jacobs, Joyner, R
Dirck Schuyler, Merchant, R
John Lawrence, Barber, R
Lawrence Garner, Farrier,
Peter Simmons, Mariner,
John Turner, Shipwright,
14th. James Searle, Merchant, R
October 5th. William Hamersley, Mariner.

Freemen made in the Mayorality of Johannes Jansen Esqr.

November 9th. Thomas Hall, Cordwainer,
16th. Richard Perrow, Miner,
December 3d. John Keewin, Mariner,
1725–6. January 11th. George Burnet, Shopkeeper,
Walter Kippin, Mariner,
Joseph Webb, Carpenter,
February 15th. John Davis, Butcher,
22d. Abraham Fincher, Joyner, R
March 1st. Samuel Brown, Butcher,
Cornelius Cousine, Cordwainer, R
Henry Cavelier, Shipwright, R
Peter Brass, Cordwainer, R
29th. Peter Morgat, Shopkeeper,
John Hastier, Silversmith, R
May 17th. William Dufour, Carman, R
June 7th. Jacob Hays, Merchant,
Jurye Lockstead, Distiller,
21st. Charles Arding, Taylor,
Christopher Codwise, Feltmaker,

1726. July 5th. Francis Gottier, Mariner,
12th. Jeremiah Davis, Butcher,
Richard Wells, Butcher,
Abraham Bertrand, Joyner, R
William Golding, Bricklayer, R
19th. John Lyndon, Feltmaker,
Samuel Snowden, Feltmaker,
Peter Moss, Feltmaker,
Anthony Underwood, Sadler,
Ephraim Sylvester, Butcher,
Abraham Carcas, Snuffmaker,
Abraham Rodregos Rivera, Merchant,
Johannes Lesser, Cordwainer,
Johannes Symentz, Cordwainer, R
Joseph Devou, Cordwainer, R
George Walsgrave, Cooper, R
August 16th. Robert Bennet, Shipwright,
Robert Richardson, Cooper R
30th. John Taylor, Brazier,
John Carr, Carpenter, R
September 6th. Nicholas Anthony, Cordwainer, R
October 11th. William Tilladams, Mariner.

Freemen made in the Mayorality of Robert Lurting Esqr.

October 25th. Thomas Dart, Merchant,
November 29th. Jason Vaughan, Gentleman,

1726. November 29th. Isaac Delamontagne, Carman, R

1726–7. January 10th. John Scot, Merchant, R
Cornelius Wynkoop, Silversmith, R
17th. Thomas Niblett, Victualler, R
31st. Abraham Vanderhule, Barber, R
February 7th. Thomas Wendover, Cordwainer, R
Victor Bicker, Carpenter, R
21st. John King, Wigmaker,
April 11th. Mary Carpenter, Widow,
18th. Richard Alsop, Shopkeeper,
29th. Robert Carter, Shipwright,
Thomas Ford, Feltmaker,
May 2d. Thomas Hammond, Mariner,
16th. Robert Saunders, Currier,
John Garreau, Merchant, R
30th. Archibald Campbell, Wigmaker,
Edward Bailes, Tallow Chandler,
June 20th. Hugh Higgins, Victualler,
July 4th. Michael Berthon, Cook,
25th. Thomas Corrin, Mariner,
September 5th. John Noble, Merchant,
12th. Gabriel Moore, Shipwrig R
19th. James Louree, Mariner,
October 3d. Thomas Richardson, Mariner,
Anthony Smithram, Cordwainer,
Edward Blagge, Gentleman, R.

Freemen made in the Second Year of the Mayorality of Robert Lurting Esq[r].

1727.	November 14[th].	Lucas Vechte, Carman, P
	21[st].	Daniel Gomez, Merchant,
	December 19[th].	Thauvet Besly, Goldsmith, R
		James Fauiers, Merchant,
		Jacob Bomper, Brewer,
1727–8.	January 9[th].	John Turner, Currier,
		David Clarkson, Merchant, R
		Matthew Clarkson, Merchant, R
	23[d].	Maurice Eight, Blacksmith, R
		Peter Noxon, Cooper, R
	February 13[th].	Richard Phillpot, Mariner,
	20[th].	Stanley Holmes, Bricklayer, R
		Garret Cousine, Joyner, R
		Hester Musson, Widow,
	March 12[th].	Pieter Van Ranst, Sailmaker,
		William Ryley, Boatman,
		John Gelaspy, Taylor,
	April 2[d].	John Elnor, Carman,
		Henry Roberts, Taylor,
	9[th].	Thomas Jewning, Butcher,
	30[th].	Joseph Jeacocks, Carman,
		Samuell Edmondson, Feltmaker,
	May 2[d].	His Excellency John Montgomerie, Esq[r]., Captain, General and Governour in Chief of the Province of New York, } Complimented,

* See Appendix No. 50.

1728. May 2d. Edward Gatehouse, Schoolmaster, Gratis,
7th. Johannes Glundorff, Schoolmaster,
Ambrose Licaer, Carman,
14th. Thomas Gilbert, Merchant,
Joseph Royall, Mariner,
Samuel Cornell, Husbandman,
21st. Johannes Van Soolingen, Chirurgeon,
June 4th. Harmanus Schuyler, Baker, R
18th. Robert Green, Vintner,
25th. John Seymour, Merchant,
Thomas Warren, Butcher,
George Nicholls, Watchmaker,
Michael Cario, Jeweller,
John Groesbeck, Merchant, R
Martin Van Everen, Blacksmith, R
July 9th. Jacob Roberts, Cutler,
David Lynn, Mariner,
16th. Robert Alford, Butcher,
23d. Thomas Raper, Carpenter,
Nicholas Gouverneur, Merchant, R
George Lurting, Gentleman, R
30th. Joseph Murray, Gentleman, Complimented,
John Chambers, Gentleman, Complimented,*
August 6th. Joshua Paul, Tanner,
Thomas Fincham, Labourer,
13th. Daniel Masters, Carman,

* See Appendix No. 51.

1728. August 20th. Stephen Morris, Cook,
27th. Charles Robinson, Merchant,
September 3d. Enoch Stevenson, Merchant.

Freemen made in the Third Year of the Mayorality of Robert Lurting Esqr.

1728. October 16th. Capt. Covil Mayne, Complimented,*
22d. Jan De Wit, Merchant, P[aid]
Charles Jandine, Carpenter, R
November 2d. Jan Hole, Maulster, P
19th. Ezekiel Barbauld, Merchant,
Thomas Killmaster, Skinner, R
26th. Samuel Shurmur, Merchant, R
December 17th. John Handcock, Mariner,
1728–9. February 28th. Michael Battail, Distiller,
March 4th. William Hoppe, Carman,
18th. William Crolyas, Potter,
March 25th. Johannes Roorback, Baker,
April 1st. Daniel Dunscomb, Cooper,
15th. Archibald Gelaspy, Victualler,
William Bryant, Mariner,
22d. Thomas Welch, Victualler, Gratis,
Thomas Child, Cordwainer, R
Obadiah Hunt Junr., Merchant, R[egistered]
May 6th. John Campling, Victualler,
John Sybrandt, Mariner,
John Ackerman, Cordwainer R

* See Appendix No. 52.

1729. May 13th. John Stevens, Mariner,
14th. Samuel Williams, Carpenter,
20th. John Hillyer, Tin-Plate Maker,
June 17th. Thomas Singleton, Blacksmith,
July 8th. James Foddy, Glass Seller,
George Warburton, Carver,
August 5th. Christopher Nicholson, Barber and Wigmaker,
19th. John Browne, Merchant,
September 2d. Thomas Harding, Feltmaker, R
Richard Browne, Cutler,
9th. Richard Davis, Feltmaker,
Johan Frederick Gunter, Founder,
16th. Jacques Gabriel Buvelot, Brazier,
October 7th. Thomas Delamontagne, Brickmaker, R[egistered]

Freemen made in the Fourth Year of the Mayorality of Robert Lurting Esqr.,

November 4th. William Channing, Merchant,
11th. Solomon Boyle, Skinner,
1729–30. January 13th. John Schutz, Barber and Perriwig Maker, R
John Buckenhoven, Painter, R
March 3d. Henry Dyer, Carman,
24th. Benjamin Thomas, Mariner,
April 7th. Samuel Heath, Corn Chandler,
Thomas Hedey, Wigmaker,
John Killmaster, Feltmonger, R

1730. April 14th. John Innes, Taylor,
Charles Taylor, Feltmaker,
21st. Adam Vandenbergh, Carman,
Bartholomew Noxon, Cutler, R[egistered]
28th. John Lewis, Mariner,
May 5th. Christian Kocherthal, Tallow Chandler,
William Morgan, Millwright,
James Coden, Mariner,
26th. Richard Baker, Victualler,
Rice Williams, Feltmaker,
Martin Clock, Shopkeeper, R
June 2d. Thomas Brown, Butcher,
16th. Thomas Hodges, Cordwainer,
Johannes Van Zandt, Lockmaker, R
23d. Charles Dawson, Butcher,
John Nicholls, Cordwainer,
30th. Richard Bennet, Soap Boyler and Tallow Chandler,
July 7th. Abraham Van Arenam, Carman, R
14th. Friend Lucas, Merchant,
August 4th. Stephen Bourdet, Silversmith, R
October 6th. Samuel Myers, Shopkeeper.

Freemen made in the Fifth Year of the Mayorality of Robert Lurting Esqr.

October 16th. John Lindesay, Merchant,
27th. William Randall, Cordwainer, R
Peter Delamontagne, Carman, R

1730. November 3d. Abraham Hyatt, Cordwainer,
10th. Edward Quey, Mariner,
Benjamin Jarvis, Feltmaker,
24th. James Wallace, Merchant,
December 22d. Richard Gill, Tallow Chandler and Soap Boyler,
1730–1. January 12th. John Armstrong, Mariner,
John Patterson, Victualler,
Thomas Wood, Carman,
George Stevens, Victualler,
19th. Joseph Johnson, Bookbinder,
February 2d. Robert Anderson, Shopkeeper.

Freemen made and Registered in the Fifth Year of the Mayorality of Robert Lurting Esqr., since the delivery of the New Charter, which was on Thursday the Eleventh Day of February, Anno Domini 1730–31.

February 11th. Abraham Lodge, Attorney at Law, R
Robert Lurting Esqr., Mayor, R
Francis Harison Esqr., Recorder, R
Fredrick Philipse, Gerrardus Stuyvesant, John Roosevelt, } Esqrs., Aldermen, R
Samuel Kip, Gentleman, John Moore, Merchant, Isaac DePeyster, Merchant, } Assistants, R
James De Lancey Esqr., Complimented,

1730–1. February 11th. Peter Warren Esqr., Commander of his Mjts. Ship Solebay, Complimented,
John Avery, Gentleman, Complimented,
James Alexander Esqr., Attorney at Law, Complimented,
William Smith, Gentleman, Attorney at Law, Complimented,
William Jamison, Gentleman, Attorney at Law,*
16th. Phillip Soaper, Carman,
18th. Richard Nicholls, Attorney at Law, R
23d. Robert Bevan, Victualler,
James Murphy, Victualler,
Robert Todd, Victualler,
Simon Appell, Baker, R
Daniell Gautier, Joyner, R
Thomas Grant, Joyner, R
March 2d. Richard Toll, Taylor,
Johann David Wolff, Taylor,
William Burnet, Carman,
30th. John Tizard, Mariner,
Charles Claghorne, Carman,
Jacob Miller, Carman,
Thomas Syckells, Victualler,
John Downs, Victualler,
John Coe, Pipemaker,
Edward Man, Cooper, R
Samson Benson, Cooper, R
Elinor Dod, Widow,
April 6th. John Dennis, Victualler,
Abraham Van Wyck, Merchant, R

* See Appendix No. 55.

1731. April 6th. David Abeel, Merchant, R
Joris Brinckerhoff, Merchant, R
Gerrardus Duyckinck, Limner, R
Adrian Bancker, Goldsmith, R
Evert Byvanck, Baker, R
John Jackson, Goldsmith, R
William Heurtin, Goldsmith, R
13th. John Breese, Glover and Leather Dresser,
William Whittaker, Clockmaker and Watchmaker,
George Fielding, Goldsmith, R
John Noble, Barber, R
Arnout Viele, Brazier, R
Cornelius Vangelder, Blacksmith, R
Johannes De Graaf, Cooper, R
Cornelius Turk, Mason, R
Isaac De La Metre, Weaver, R
John Benson, Wheelwright, R
Adolph Benson, Blacksmith, R
Samuel Pels, Ropemaker,
May 4th. Henry Watts, Butcher,
Anthony Lamb, Mathematical Instrument Maker,
John Troop Junr., Barber, R
Isaac Chardavoine, Joyner, R
Christopher Robert, Silversmith, R
John Clarke, Shipwright, R
11th. Richard Lawrence, Victualler,
Benjamin Loring, Mariner,

1731. May 11th. James Francklin, Cordwainer,
John Le Montes, Merchant, R
Jacobus Kip, Potmaker, R
Jacobus Ryckman, Bricklayer, R[egistered]
Cornelius Courtrecht, Baker, R
John Bogaert, Bricklayer, R
George Lamb, Turner, R
John Davis, Cooper, R
Isaac Bussing, Cooper, R
18th. Humphrey Jones, Barber, R
Alexander Allaire, Cooper, R
Peter Quintard, Goldsmith, R
25th. Thomas Edwards, Goldsmith,
John Briggs, Apothecary,
Thomas Dwight, Cooper, R
Phillip Goelet, Goldsmith, R
Peter Pounteneau, Tinman, R
Albertus Vandewater, Cooper, R
Tobias Stoutenburgh, Goldsmith, R
William Elsworth, Tinsmith, R
June 15th. John Bend, Shopkeeper,
Joseph Donaldson, Taylor,
John Robins, Currier,
22d. Joshua Slidell, Soap Boyler,
John Dunscomb, Cooper, R
29th. John Greenwell, Taylor,
Francis Warne, Joyner,
July 20th. James Kennedy, Barber and Wigmaker, P
August 17th. Godfrey Bennaway, Carman, P[aid]
24th. David Cox, Wigmaker, P
31st. Matthias Borrell, Merchant, P
Henry Filkin, Baker, R

1731. August 31st. Phillip Perot, Cooper, R
John Tenbroeck, Baker, R
Henry Cordaz, Farmer,
September 7th. Alexander Phenix, Mariner,
21st. Edward Orum, or Edward Worm, Butcher, P
October 5th. David Cumberland Smith, Wigmaker, P[aid]

Freemen made and Registered in the Sixth Year of the Mayorality of Robert Lurting Esqr.

October 14th. Henry Beekman Esqr., High Sheriff, Complimented.*
November 2d. Peter De Lage, Merchant, P
30th. John Monroe, Feltmaker, P
December 14th. Vincent Delamontagne Jun., Brickmaker, R
1731–2. February 22d. Jacob Shearman, Cooper, R
March 7th. Jepthah Smith, Carpenter, P
28th. David Cook, Mariner, P
Andrew Hunter, Dyer, P
John Oliver, Carman, P
Henry Tenbroeck, Carman, R
John Tenbroeck, Carman, R
Casparus Blanck, Carman, R[egistered]
April 4th. John Miller, Gardener, P
18th. Michael Thodey, Mariner, P
25th. William Ludlow, Shopkeeper, R
May 16th. James Spencer, Cordwainer, R
23d. Phillip Fiot, Mariner, P
Edward Arding, Victualler, P

* See Appendix No. 56.

1732. June 20th. Rostall Richardson, Shopkeeper, P[aid]
27th. Isaac Johnson, Mariner, P
July 11th. Timothy Horsfield, Butcher, P
Robert Woodward, Joyner, P
William Eagles, Sadler, P
William Brown, Carman, P
25th. Michael Laurier, Cooper, R
August 8th. Governor William Cosby, Complimented,*
29th. William Crofts, Butcher, P
Joseph Robinson, Butcher, P
John Hunt, Mariner, R
September 12th. Peter Jay, Merchant, R
Johannes Poulse, Cordwainer, R[egistered]
Cornelius Thorpe, Cordwainer, R
26th. Lawrence Payne, Watchmaker, P
John Oothout, Brewer, P
October 3d. John Linter, Carpenter, P
John Metcalfe, Joyner and Carpenter, P
John Bassett, Pewterer, R
Henry Bensing, Potbaker, R
Cornelius Tienhoven, Cordwainer, R
Anthony Horn, Merchant, R
10th. John Linter Junr., Carpenter, P
Victor Hyer, Cordwainer, R
Evert Pelse, Ropemaker, R
Elbert Haring, Baker, R

* See Appendix No. 58.

Freemen made and Registered in the Seventh Year of the Mayorality of Robert Lurting Esq[r].

1732	October 23[d].	Lord Augustus Fitz Roy, Complimented,*
	24[th].	Richard Green, Butcher, P
		Johannes Hoppe, Carman, P
		Matthew Van Duersen, Cooper, R[egistered]
		William Fisher, Distiller, R
	November 21[st].	William English, Victualler, Gratis
		Richard Waldron, Carman, R
	December 12[th].	John Lawrence, Butcher, P
		Zebediah Hunt, Shipwright, R
1732–3.	January 23[d].	Isaac Varian, Butcher, P
	February 6[th].	Archibald Fisher, Chirurgeon, P[aid]
		Joseph Scott, Merchant, P
	March 27[th].	John Johnson, Mariner, P
		Thomas Maynard, Mariner, R
		Henry Vandergrist, Felt-maker, R
	May 22[d].	David Walker, Boatman, P
		William De Peyster, Gold-smith, R
		Adam King, Labourer, R
	June 5[th].	John Wyley, Carman, P
	July 17[th].	Benjamin Burleigh, Apothecary, P
	August 24[th].	Major Alexander Cosby, Thomas Freeman, } Complimented†
	September 11[th].	Michael Cornelisse, Carman, R

* See Appendix No. 59.

† See Appendix No. 60.

1733. September 11th. Thomas Cox, Butcher, R
25th. Robert Hunt, Carman, P
October 9th. Joseph Dotty, Cordwainer, P

Freemen made and Registered in the Eighth Year of the Mayorality of Robert Lurting Esqr.

1733–4. February 5th. George Young, Butcher, P
19th. Joseph North, Cooper, R
March 5th. John Galloway, Ropemaker, R
19th. Gysbert Garretson, Ropemaker, R[egistered]
John Vanderhule, Cordwainer, R
April 2d. Richard Robinson, Mariner, Gratis,
John Gendell, Sawyer, Gratis,
30th. William Lewis, Barber and Perruke Maker, R
May 7th. Aaron Pleaces, Weaver, P
June 4th. Edward Kelly, Butcher, P
Benjamin Akerly, Cordwainer, P[aid]
Jacob Geruereaud ("dit Bo Fleury"), Blockmaker, R
July 2d. Aaron Smith, Cordwainer, P
August 6th. John Symes, Gentleman, R
20th. Adam Koning, Cooper, R
October 1st. William Cardy, Barber, R
Samuell Goodness, Blacksmith, R
Rynier Nack, Brewer, R

Freemen made and Registered in the Ninth Year of the Mayorality of Robert Lurting Esqr.

October 5th. Jacob Stoutenburgh, Gunsmith, R

1734. October 5th. Barent Rynders, Merchant, R[egistered]
Teunis Tiebout Jun., Cordwainer, R
Stephen Bayard, Merchant and Alderman, R
15th. Simon Johnson, Gentleman and Alderman, R
William Roome, Painter and Alderman, R
Christopher Fell, Bolter and Alderman, P[aid]
Johannes Burger, Bricklayer and Alderman, R
Jacob Boss, Gardiner, P
Frederick Becker, Carman, P
29th. Sidney Breese, Leather Dresser, P
Nathaniel Marston Junr., Merchant, R
Nicholas Bayard, Merchant, R
Abraham Lynsen, Merchant, R
John Byvanck, Vintner, R
Hawsevelt Van Kueren, Blacksmith, R
Peter Vlierboom, Cordwainer,
Jacobus Delamontagne, Blockmaker, R
John Welsh, Cordwainer, R
Thomas Welsh, Cordwainer, R
Hercules Wendover, Blacksmith, R
Richard Norwood, Mariner, R

1734. November 4th. Captain Matthew Norris, } Complimented *
Captain Robert Long, }

12th. Wessell Wessells, Merchant, R[egistered]
Peter Lynch, Merchant, R
John Marshall, Merchant, R
Jasper Bosch, Mariner, R
Harmanus Rutgers Junr., Shopkeeper, R
Henry Rutgers, Shopkeeper, R
Peter Marschalck, Baker, R
Abraham Kip, Cooper, R
James Simms, Joyner, R
John Williamse, Baker, R
Charles Beekman, Cordwainer, R
Benjamin Moore, Sailmaker, R
Arie Bogaert, Turner, R
Isaac Gardiner, Cordwainer, R
John Beekman, Blockmaker, R
Abraham Vanhorne Jun., Merchant, R
Nicholas Burger, Cooper, R
Petrus Kip, Cooper, R
Henry Deforeest, Printer, R
Samuell Jacobs, Carman, R
Christian Legrange, Blacksmith, R
Thomas Huggeford, Apothecary, P[aid]
John Cox, Currier, P

* See Appendix No. 61.

1734. November 12th. Phillip Blacklidge, Mariner, P[aid]
19th. Peter Van Duersen, Chandler, R[egistered]
Francis Brat, Baker, R
Myndert Schuyler, Painter and Glazier, R
Steenwyck DeRiemer, Gunsmith, R
John Brazier, Carpenter, R
John Tiebout, Blockmaker, R
William Waldron, Farmer, R
John Waldron Junr., of Hoornshook, Farmer, R
Jacob Myer, Farmer, R
26th. Edward Quey, Wigmaker, P
William Hawkshurst, Butcher, P
Joseph Hanno, Ropemaker, P
William Grant, Cordwainer, R
Adam Dobbs, Blacksmith, R
Isaac Deforeest, Cooper, R
William Richardson, Cordwainer, R
Charles Beekman Junr., Cordwainer, R
William Carr, Joyner, R
December 10th. Robert Harris, Baker, P
Luke Roome, Cordwainer, R
John Bassett, Mariner, R
31st. Robert Scott, Mariner, P
1734–5. January 14th. Samuel Hopson, Butcher, P
John Burroughs, Victualler, P
Cornelius Brughman, Barber, R

1734–5. February 18th. Samuel Lewis, Blacksmith, P
Simon Cregier, Bricklayer, R
Raphael Goelet, Limner, R
Guybert Uyten Bogaert, Carman, R[egistered]
25th. Lawrence Vanderspiegel, Cordwainer, R
March 11th. Johannes Van Wyk, Cooper, P[aid]
Richard Eagon, Mariner, R
April 1st. Thomas Behenna, Mariner, P
Thomas Buttwell, Staymaker, P
Isaac Wood, Labourer, R
John Cazalet, Shopkeeper, R
15th. James Keeling, Mariner, P
Henry Breested, Feltmaker, R
Cornelis Bogert, Baker, R
29th. John Hinman, Mariner, P
Caleb Miller, Victualler, P
May 6th. Henry Row, Mariner, P
John Constable, Mariner, P
Robert Marrell, Weaver, P
20th. Henry Vangelder, Carpenter, R
Jockhem Anderson, Weaver, R
June 3d. Nathaniel Sands, Victualler, P
10th. Moses Gombauld, Mariner, P
Frederick Fine, Cordwainer, R
Jacob Kip, Cordwainer, R
17th. John Eckerson, Carman, R
John Stoutenburgh, Merchant, R
July 1st. John Campbell, Distiller, R

[*Mem.* Robert Lurting Esq^r., Mayor, died the 3^d July, 1735, and Paul Richard Esq^r. was sworn Mayor ye 7^th of July, 1735.]

1735.	July 15^th.	Nicholas Deforeest, Cooper, R
	17^th.	John DeBoogh, Cordwainer, R
		Mark Pepper, Cordwainer, R
		Matthias Bender, Cooper, R
		Dirck Cooke, Carman, R
	29^th.	Joseph Ward, Clockmaker, R
		Peter Stoutenburgh, Schoolmaster, R
		Richard Swan, Feltmaker, R
		Isaac Garnier, Cordwainer, R
		Cornelius Van Hoeck, Cordwainer, R
		Johannes Le Grange Jun^r., Boatman, R
		Thomas Palmer, Joyner, P
	August 19^th.	Robert Bowne, Merchant, P
		Gideon Lynsen, Baker, R
		Benjamin Benson, Farmer, R
		Francis Borree, Cordwainer, R
	September 2^d.	William Cosby, Gentleman, P *
		James Lyne, Gentleman, R
		Ahasuerus Turck, Cordwainer, R
		William Beck, Cordwainer, R
		Andrew Myer, Cordwainer, R
		Thomas Allen, Cordwainer, R
		Gilbert Van Duersen, Mason, R

* See Appendix No. 62.

1735. September 2d. Joseph Palding, Mason, R
Peter Bant, Mason, R
Thomas Willet, Merchant, R
John Bant, Cooper, R
Isaac Borree, Cooper, R
Isaac Mattock, Cooper, R
James Davy, Carpenter, R
John Apple, Carpenter, R
Jasper Farmar, Mariner, R
Abraham Marschalck, Baker, R
16th. Daniel Shatford, Schoolmaster, P
David Hays, Merchant, P
Garret Van Wagenen, Schoolmaster, P
Lawrence Wessells, Baker, R
Andrew Myer, Cordwainer, R
Henry Kermer, Joyner, R
Thomas Murg, Cooper, R
Peter White, Cooper, R
William Van Duersen, Cordwainer, R
Lawrence Lambertse, Weaver, R
Thomas Rout, Baker, R
Samuell Pell, Cordwainer, R
29th. Andrew Hamilton, Barrister at Law, Complimented,*
30th. Lawrence Roome, Painter, R
James Young, Cooper, R
John Clopper, Baker, R

* See Appendix No. 63.

Freemen made and Registered in the Mayorality of Paul Richard Esq[r].

1735.	October 14[th].	Israel Shadwick, Victualler, R*
		Peter Waldron, Yeoman, R
	21[st].	Edward Anderson, Carpenter, R
		Andries Barheit, Cordwainer, R
	November 18[th].	Jesse Deforrest, Carman, R
	December 2[d].	Judah Hays, Merchant, P
	23[d].	John Cure, Cordwainer, R
		Cornelius Brewer, Baker, R
1735–6.	January 13[th].	Joseph Cowley, Merchant, P
	February 3[d].	James Brimer, Barber and Wigmaker, P
		William Beekman, Mariner, R
	17[th].	Samson Benson, Carman, R
	March 23[d].	Peter Schuyler Esq[r]., R
		Adoniah Schuyler Esq[r]., R
		James Campbell, Baker, R
		Samuel Brown, Baker, P
		Cristian Hartell, Mariner, P
	April 6[th].	Richard Williams, Butcher, R
	13[th].	Edward Tittle, Merchant, P
		John Richard, Merchant, R
	20[th].	Anthony Yelverton, Carpenter, R
		John Stevens, Cordwainer, R
	May 4[th].	Thomas Noble, Merchant, P
		Joseph Sacket Jun[r]., Merchant, P
		William Gale, Clothier, P
	18[th].	John Wallace, Cutler, P

* See Appendix No. 64.

1736. May 18th. Aaron Gilbert, Cordwainer, P
James Mills, Wigmaker, R
William Parcell, Cordwainer, R
June 1st. William Hayes, Cooper, P
James Jarrat, Carpenter, P
Thomas Brown, Cutler, P
August 3d. William Brownjohn, Apothecary, P
September 14th. Richard Langdon, Mariner, P
John Cavelier, Schoolmaster, R
John Bloom, Turner, R
28th. Jonathan Hardman, Mariner, P
James Brown, Cordwainer, P
Samuel Bayard Junr., Merchant, R
October 12th. John Shurmur, Merchant, P
John Smith, Shopkeeper, R
David Vangelder, Blacksmith, R
14th. Francis Child, Vintner, R.

Freemen made in the Second Year of the Mayorality of Paul Richard Esqr.

November 16th. Thomas Field, Taylor, P
1736–7. January 11th. Laurence Rice, Tobacconist, P
John Cousine, Cordwainer, R
February 22d. William Peek, Labourer, R
Samuel Dunscomb, Cooper, R
March 29th. George Witts, Mariner, P
Robert Hogg, Mariner, P

1737. April 19th. John Blanchard, Distiller, P
Albert Amerman, Carman, P
Dirck Amerman, Carman, P
May 3d. William Hitchcock, Carman, R
24th. John Vanderspiegel, Merchant, R
William Milliner, Carman, R
Andrew Sloane, Cordwainer, R
Lancaster Symes, Gentleman, R
Charles Henley, Schoolmaster, P
James Wyley, Cooper, P
June 7th. Samuel Oates, Carman, P
Jonathan Peisley, Victualler, P
Josiah Smith, Mariner, P
Charles Crooke, Bolter, R
Gabriel Crooke, Bolter, R
Adolph Brass, Cordwainer, R
July 12th. William Hoase, Woolcard Maker, P
John Steward, Carpenter, P
John Gilbert, Bookkeeper, R
August 2d. James Perfect, Butcher, P
John Samuel Smith, Sadler, R
Daniel Lynsen, Baker, R
Daniel Waldron, Cordwainer, R
23d. Robert Clarke, Mariner, P
September 13th. Benjamin Quackenbos Junr., Gunsmith, R
John Peffer, Cordwainer, R
Abraham Alesteyn Junr., Bricklayer, R
John Euwotse, Carpenter, R

1737. September 13th. Richard Kip, Cooper, R
John Bisset, Mariner, R
William Proctor, Watchmaker, P
Stephen DeLancey Junr., Merchant, R
John DeLancey, Merchant, R
John Watts, Merchant, R
Lawrence LeTellier, Merchant, R
Robert Troup, Mariner, R

October 4th. Henry Jenkins, Glover and Skinner, R
John Marschalck, Gunsmith, R
John Roosevelt Junr. (Son of Jacobus), R
Abraham Quick, Cooper, R
Cornelius Wortendyck, Shopkeeper, R
Peter Ruston, Mason, R
Jacob Phenix Junr., Feltmaker, R
William Bant, Cooper, R
Peter Bush Junr., Cooper, R
John Vredenburgh, Cordwainer, R
Elias Brevoort, Tinman, R
Benjamin Schutz, Feltmaker, R
Peter Tillou, Turner, R
Andrew Clopper, Merchant, R
Thomas Haywood, Carpenter, R
Cornelius Vonck, Baker, R
John Teneyck, Cordwainer, R

1737. October 4th. Thomas Warner, Cordwainer, R
Richard Teneyck, Cordwainer, R
Cornelius Bogert, Joyner, R
Henry Brevoort, Turner, R
Paul Pelletreau, Tallow Chandler, R
John Stevens, Cordwainer, R
Martin Bant, Cooper, R
John Lessley Junr., Mariner, R
David Provoost Junr., Merchant, R
John Provoost, Merchant, R
John Elsworth, Vintner, R
John Eastham, Gentleman, R
Cornelius Seabring, Baker, R
Robert Benson, Merchant, R
Giddes Provost, Cooper, R
Jacobus Johnson, Taylor, R
John Aspinwall, Mariner, R
Peter Cannon, R
Joseph Willson, Mariner, P
William Crolius, Potter, P
Peter Crolius, Potter, P
Jacobus Peter Snider, Cordwainer, P
Johan Francis Walter,* Carpenter, P
William Popelsdorf, Baker, P

October 6th. Peter Plowman, Feltmaker, R
Gerret Hollar Morss, Feltmaker, R.*

* See Appendix No. 66.

Freemen made and Registered in the Mayorality of Paul Richard Esq^{r}. in his Third Year.

1737. October 18th. Nathaniel Hazard, Shopkeeper, P
William Colegrove, Feltmaker, P
John Price, Taylor, P
Balthazar DeHart, Glazier, R
John Sayre, Taylor, R
Francis Marschalck, Baker, R
Aaron Hyer, Cordwainer, R
Garret Hyer, House Carpenter, R
Abraham Vangelder, Gunsmith, R
John Van Vorst, Baker, R
Peter Anderson, Carpenter, R
Thomas Duncan, Merchant, R
Peter Wessells, Joyner, R
Johannes Koning, Bricklayer, R
Thomas Syckells, Cooper, R

November 1st. William Dewitt, Barber and Wigmaker, R
Walter Hyer, Cordwainer, R
Frederick Hyer, Cordwainer, R
Johannes Alstein, Blacksmith, R

15th. Jacobus Kierstead, Mariner, R
Peter Van Norden, Brickmaker, R

1737–8. January 10th. Cornelius Clopper, Shopkeeper, R
James Quick, Cordwainer, R
Hendrick Vandewater, Gunsmith, R
Abraham Booke, Cooper, R
Peter Bant Junr., Cooper, R
John Man Junr., Cooper, R
Abraham Myers Cohen, Shopkeeper, P
Gustaph Martin Rhuel, Tallow Chandler, P
Isaac Raphael Rodriques, Shopkeeper, P
Charles Lusher, Victualler, P
31st. Lawrence Roome, Painter, R
Andrew Fresneau, Merchant, R
Samuel TenEyck, Mariner, R
William Lyell, Sailmaker, R
William Wood, Butcher, R
Patrick Smith, Barber, P
February 7th. Renier Burger, Blacksmith, R
Casper Burger, Carman, R
Barent Bush, Cooper, R
Nicholas Thomas, Carman, R
Robert Provoost, Cordwainer, R
Patrick Scandling, Butcher, P
March 14th. William Axson, Mariner, P
Marmaduke Earle, Painter and Glazier, R
Abraham Mills, Joyner, R
April 11th. James Charlton, Cardmaker, P

1738. May 2d. William Bartlett, Perriwigmaker, P
Obadiah Wells, Glazier, P
John Roberts, Cordwainer, P
9th. John Lush, Mariner, P
16th. Stephen Lawrence, Merchant, P
Isaac Boeke, Cooper, R
Johannes Myer, Cordwainer, R
30th. Judah Mears, Merchant, P
Thomas Eustick, Minor, P
June 13th. Alexander Willson, Cordwainer, R
27th. Thomas Fraser, Tobacconist, P
Abraham Purcell, Weaver, P
Daniel Gardner, Distiller, P
John Schultz, Upholsterer, P
John Cregier, Mariner, R
July 11th. Richard Cook, Bricklayer, R
Thomas Ware Junr., Cooper, R
Freeman Redding, Joyner, R
William Lane, Taylor, R
Matthew Macguire, Farmer, P
Albertus Tiebout, Carpenter, R
18th. Theophilus Elsworth, Shopkeeper, R
Joost DeMill, Carpenter, R
Samuel Bowyer, Butcher, P
Richard Houghton, Barber and Wigmaker, P
August 22d. Robert Ratsey, Mariner, P
Thomas Rigby, Joyner, P

1738. August 22d. William Richardson, Locksmith, P
Jeremiah Owen, Mariner, P
Maurice DeHart, Sailmaker, R
September 12th. William Cook, Mariner, P
Moses Taylor, Brazier, P
Everardus Brouwer, Mason, R
October 3d. Nicholas Murphy, Butcher, P
William Colwell, Joyner, R.

Freemen made and Registered in the Fourth Year of the Mayorality of Paul Richard Esqr.

October 17th. Thomas Fleming, Carman, P
John Gasherie, Cordwainer, P
November 7th. James Jones, Victualler, P
Anthony White, Gentleman, R
Henry Lane Junr., Merchant, R
Anthony Rutgers Junr., Merchant, R
William Rousby, Wigmaker, R
Johannes Van Duersen, Cordwainer, R
December 5th. James Ruffhead, Butcher, P
Thomas Jones, Mariner, P
Henry Lawrence, Mariner, R
Peter Smith, Currier, R
1738–9. February 6th. William Dever, Mariner, P
Cornelius Van Ranst, Sailmaker, R

1738–9. February 20th. Jonas Wright, Shipwright, P
Samuel Bell, Blacksmith, R
William Dobbs, Blacksmith, R
Charles Dobbs, Ropemaker, R
John Saunders, Cooper, R
March 6th. John Tannar, Carman, P
John Kingston, Blacksmith, R
Jacob Sloover, Cooper, R
20th. Peter Hibon, Carpenter, R
John Thomson, Carpenter, R
John Quick, Carpenter, R
Arnout Roome, Carpenter, R
Nicholas Roosevelt, Goldsmith, R
Daniel Burger, Cooper, R
Anthony Ham Junr., Joiner, R
John Bogert Junr., Baker, R
James Wyley, Baker, R
Charles Sprainger, Turner, R
Francis Scott, Barber, R
Richard Ebbetts, Cooper, R
George Vanhorne, Weaver, R
April 10th. Victor Bicker, Feltmaker, R
Luke Kiersted, Mariner, R
Andrew Teneyck, Cooper, R
John Sipkins, Taylor, R
Peter Praa Provoost, Gunsmith, R
Jacob Teneyck, Cooper, R
George Elsworth, Chairmaker, R
May 1st. John Croker, Taylor, P
Matthias Fosener, Carpenter, R

1739. May 1st. John Benson, Carpenter, R
15th. Isaac Van Dam, Merchant, R
William Walton Junr., Merchant, R
Bartholemew LeRoux, Goldsmith, R
William Peet, Shipwright, P
James Thorne, Merchant, P
Cornelius Vanderhooven, Carman, P
Uriah Hiam, Tallow Chandler, P
John McMullen, Cordwainer, P
George Burn, Victualler, P
29th. Samuel Richards, Mariner, P
June 19th. Nicholas Baily, Cabinet Maker, P
July 10th. Aaron Machado, Distiller, P
August 9th. James Killmaster, Feltmonger, R
21st. John Lloyd, Farrier, P
October 2d. James Turner, Cooper, P
William Edmunds, Leather Dresser, P
Richard Noble, Soap Boyler, P
Isaac Bedlow, Cooper, R.

Freemen made and Registered in the Mayorality of John Cruger Esqr.

November 20th. William Ketchum, Cordwainer, R
Gerrardus Beekman Junr., Shopkeeper, R
Evert Byvank, Barber, R
Abraham Burrns, Carman, R

1739. November 20th. William Gilbert Junr., Marriner, R
John Earle, Glazier, R
December 4th. Nicholas Roosevelt, Merchant, R
Theodorus Van Wyck, Shopkeeper, R
Abraham Benson, Cooper, R
Lewis Parent, Carman, P
18th. Jacob Somersdyke, Wheelwright, R
Richard Harris, Mariner, R
John Burger (Son of Elias Burger), Bricklayer, R

1739–40. January 8th. Elias Chardavoine, Baker, R
John Bill, Turner, R
29th. Thomas Taylor, Weaver, P
Thomas Carter, Malster, P
Alexander Willie, Cooper, P
Peter Burger, Cooper, R
March 11th. Henry Rousby, Shipwright, R
John Kip, Blacksmith, R
Joseph Montanie, Blacksmith, R
April 5th. Thomas Corbett, Victualler, P
Jacob Sickells, Carman, P
Thomas Higby, Carman,
May 20th. William Dean, Labourer, P
John Allen, Cordwainer, R
Isaac King, Cordwainer, R
Gabriel Ludlow, Shopkeeper, R
June 24th. Roger French, Shopkeeper, P
Bartholomew Ryan, Marriner, P
Henry Vangelder, Carman, P

1740. July 22d. Samuell Hazard Junr., Shopkeeper, P
Edward Wheeler, Carman, R
August 6th. Fredrick Webber, Cooper, R
Abraham Anderson, Cordwainer, R
Cornelius Duyckman, Weaver, R
Hendrick Van Vleckeren Weaver, R
Nicholas Kortright, Weaver,
Johannes Bass, Weaver, R
Teunis Somerdyck, Weaver, R
Mathew Hoppe, Weaver, R
Egbert Somerdyck, Weaver, R
Jelles Mandeville, Yeoman, R
Jacobus Van Orde, Brickmaker, R
Isaac Webber, Wheelwright, R
Arnout Webber, Brickmaker, R
Cornelius Webber, Weaver, R
19th. Hugh Crawford, Marriner, P
26th. John Atkinson, Glover, P
Samuell Waldron Junr., Yeoman, R
John Nagell Junr., Yeoman, R
Benjamin Waldron, Cordwainer, R
Jacob Dyckman Junr., Yeoman, R
Abraham Myer Junr., Weaver, R
Johannes Myer Junr., Weaver, R

1740.	September 16th.	Thomas Child, Barber, R
		John Williams, Cooper, R
		Aaron Bussing, Yeoman, R
		John Sickles, Yeoman, R
		Arent Myer, Yeoman, R
		Adolph Myer, Yeoman, R
		John Anderson, Yeoman, R
		Abraham Kerse, Yeoman, R
		John Kerse, Yeoman, R
	October 14th.	Daniel Horsmanden Esqr., Recorder, Complimented,*
	21st.	Richard Heather, Blacksmith, P
	November 4th.	Peter Galatian, Joyner, P
	18th.	Isaac Levy, Shopkeeper, P
	December 29th.	Michael Henderson, Marriner, P
	23d.	William Chapell, Carman, P
1740–1.	January 6th.	William Drew, Butcher, P
	February 3d.	Thomas Beer, Ship Carpenter, P
	24th.	John Merrett, Merchant, P
		Thomas Allen, Schoolmaster, P
	March 17th.	Francis Beckett, Marriner, P
	May 15th.	John Covenhoven, Joyner, R
		Joshua Amy, Marriner, P
		Edward Townsend, Marriner, P
		Duncan Reed, Taylor, P
		Peter Knickabaker, Labourer, P
		Jacobus Van Aelts, Labourer, P
		John Ryan, Labourer, P
		John Willse, Labourer, P

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1741. June 22d. Silvanus Simmons, Cordwainer, P[aid]
Gabriel Sprung, Cartman, P
William Whitfield, Farrier, P
30th. Peter Vanbrugh Livingston, Merchant, P
Thomas Alsop, Merchant, P
Mathew Housman, Cartman, P
Thomas Alsop Junr., Merchant, R[egistered]
Benjamin Blagge, Merchant, R
John Lamb, Painter, R
July 28th. Moses Lopez, Merchant, P
John French, Joyner, R
August 4th. Thomas Timeson, Marriner, P
Francis Roake, Taylor, P
Benjamin Kierstead, Marriner, R
25th. James Manners, Carman, P
Peter Lassier, Carman, P
Abraham Pit, Carman, P
Jacob Bennet, Carman, P
Lewis Nodine, Taylor, R
John Cocks, Carman, R
September 22d. Adam Mott, Baker, P
Thomas Dods, Bricklayer, R
October 13th. William Bowne, Cordwainer, P
Johannes Remson, Baker, P
John Waldron, Baker, R
Barent Seabring, Blacksmith, R
November 24th. Daniel Van Duerse, Cooper, R
George Brewerton, Hatter, R
December 6th. Wendell Ham, Baker, R

1741–2. February 2d. Benjamin Hodger, Carman,
Samuell Weaver Junr., Currier, R[egistered]
Thomas Grant Junr., Joyner, R
Benjamin Peddrick, Cooper, R
23d. Vincent Montanie, Labourer, R
Benjamin Jackson, Bolter, P
Samuell Bown, Shopkeeper, P[aid]
Adolph DeGrove, Feltmaker, P
Abraham Boker, Blacksmith, R
March 9th. Joseph Palding, Carman, R
23d. John Smith, Leather Dresser, R
Triancus Baldwin, Perrukemaker, R
Alexander Forbes, Labourer, R
April 6th. Adam Beekman, Cordwainer, R
James Eckland, Marriner, P
May 4th. Peter DeMorest Junr., Labourer, P
John Leake, Shopkeeper, P
Paul Francis Cebe, Shopkeeper, P
18th. John Kilmiston, Joyner, P
Peter Charlton, Joyner, P
Edward Marriner, Schoolmaster, P
Robert McAlpin, Stationer, P
Richard Byfield, Joyner, R
June 8th. Christophell Stymets, Cordwainer, P

1742.	June 8th.	Maynard Burt, Marriner, P
	August 3d.	Benjamin Stout, Cordwainer, R[egistered]
		John Stout, Periwiggmaker, R
	24th.	Edward Graham, Merchant, P[aid]
		George Thorne, Cordwainer, R
	September 21st.	Alexander Stewart, Cooper, P
		Richard Smith, Shopkeeper, P
		Cornelius Clopper Junr., Merchant, R
		Wood Furman, Shopkeeper, P
	October 12th.	Thomas Hollock, Taylor, P
	November 2d.	Solomon Hayes, Merchant, P
	23d.	James Rombart, Cordwainer, R
		John Brevoort, Silversmith, R
		Elias Brevoort, Gunsmith, R
		William Baldwin, Cordwainer, R
		John Myer, Gunsmith, R
	December 21st.	John Alwine, Cordwainer, R
		John Myer, Cordwainer, R
		Thomas Dobson, Tanner, R
1742–3.	January 11th.	Simon Lambertse, Weaver, R
		Richard Outenbogert, Blacksmith, R
		Abraham Forbes, Bricklayer, R
		Isaac Blanck, Cordwainer, R
		Henry Whitfield, Feltmaker, R
		Phillip Smith, Joyner, P

1742–3. February 1st. John Vizien, Cooper, R
Francis Wessels, Feltmaker, R[egistered]
Lawrence Myer, Cooper, R
Joseph Simson, Shopkeeper, P[aid]
22d. Dennis Hicks, Shipwright, P
Abraham Outerkirck, Cordwainer, P
Isaac Vangelder, Shipwright, R
Francis Bishop, Shipwright, R
John Rivers, Shipwright, R
Joseph Montanie, Blacksmith, R
Henry Angell, Cooper, R
March 22d. George Willis, Mason, R
John Smith, Joyner, R
Samuell Pell, Shipwright, R
William Bennet, Shipwright, R
John Dally, Shipwright, R
Abraham Pells, Shipwright, R
John Elsworth, Shipwright, R
John Latham, Shipwright, R
John Connely, Sawyer, R
Peter Bogert, Blacksmith, R
William Pearsee, Gunsmith, R
May 3d. Alexander Campbell, Marriner, P
Benjamin Payne, Marriner, P
John Cristic, Labourer, P
Patrick Phagan, Labourer, P
John McGie, Labourer, P
Peter Clopper, Sadler, R
Gerrardus Beekman, Merchant, R

1743. May 3d. Anthony Schuyler, Gunsmith, R[egistered]
John Peek, Sailmaker, R
Gerrardus Phœnix, Taylor, R
Ari King Junr., Feltmaker, R
Mathew Wool, Cordwainer, R
Daniel Raveau, Cordwainer, R
24th. Charles Fraser, Tobacconist, P[aid]
Thomas Leimington, Labourer, P
Isaac Morris, Labourer, P
Dillion Bogert, Labourer, P
James Scott, Chandler, P
James Napier, Sailmaker, P
James Warner, Carpenter, R
Andrew Cannon, Painter, R
Simon Van Sise, Shipwright, R
Cornelius Van Sise, Shipwright, R
Daniel Van Vleckeren, Cordwainer, R
Peter Colwell, Shopkeeper, R
June 21st. Abraham Pinto, Chandler, P
John Halden, Brazier, P
Enoch Hunt, Distiller, P
Peter Van Dewater, Labourer, P
Jacobus Van Orden, Labourer, P
Samuell Brower, Carpenter, P
Robert White, Taylor, P
Abraham Wheeler, Bricklayer, R

1743. August 2d. Asher Mott, Merchant, P
William Page, Blacksmith, R
Lambert Losis, Blacksmith, R
William Blake, Surgeon, R

September 30th. His Excellency George Clinton Esqr., Captain-General and Governour-in-Chief of the Province of New York, &c., Complimented,*

October 4th. Thomas Moone, Merchant, P
Levy Samuel, Merchant, P
George Nicolls, Yeoman, P
John Bramgen, Taylor, P
Zacharias Sickles, Cordwainer, R[egistered]
Isaac Van Hook Junr., Cordwainer, R
John Cornelius, Cordwainer, R
Abraham Lott, Baker, R

November 1st. Hugh Wentworth, Merchant, P[aid]
John DeLamontanie (son of Isaac), Cordwainer, R
William Woynet, Blacksmith, R
Abraham Lave, Baker, R
Coline Vangelder, Gunsmith, R
John DeLanoy, Bricklayer, R
Harry Van Maple, Bricklayer, R
William Van Dalson, Turner, R
John Beekman, Sadler, R
William Ellis, Cooper, R

* See Appendix No. 68.

1743. November 1st. Abraham DeLamontanie, Carpenter, R[egistered]
Aaron Bussing, Carpenter, R
James DeLanoy, Carpenter, R
John Defoor, Cordwainer, R
Edward Laight, Currier, R
Daniel Bonnett Junr., R
Cornelius Ewoutse, Feltmaker, R
Edward Willet, Gentleman, P[aid]
22d. Abraham Bargeau, Marriner, R
Tobias Ten Eyck, Merchant, R
Lancaster Green, Attorney at Law, R
1743–4. February 28th. Alexander Bates, Mason, R
March 20th. John Waghorne, Japanner and Turner, P
April 10th. Daniel Bloom, Merchant, R
Hermanus Alstyne, Bricklayer, R
Philip Cockrem, Carpenter, R
Jonathan Hazard, Shopkeeper, P
Daniel Hazard, Marriner, P
Thomas Brookman, Carpenter, P
Andrew Carroll, Carpenter, P
John Campbell, Labourer, P
Cornelius DeGroot, Labourer, P
May 1st. George Peterson, Sugar Baker, P
Mathias Earnest, Taylor, P
Samuell Birdsall, Labourer, P

1744. May 1st. Jonas Melick, Labourer, P
4th. Martinus Cregier, Marriner, R
22d. William Donaldson, Chandler, P[aid]
George Dobbins, Farrier, P
William Wood, Labourer, P
Johannes De Graaf, Labourer, P
Thomas Bond, Labourer, P
Lauchlin McLean, Labourer, P
Abraham Darie, Shopkeeper, R[egistered]
Gregory Crouch, Cooper, R
Peter Fonk, Labourer, R
Cornelius Quackenbus, Labourer, R
Regnier Hopper, Labourer, R
June 19th. Richard Clarke Cooke, Painter and Limner, P
Anthony Glin, Labourer, P
John Steel, Labourer, P
Peter Trueman, Labourer, R
Abraham Abrahams, Barber and Perukemaker, P
August 7th. John Dies, Merchant, P
Andrew Gibbs, Carpenter, P
John Moulinar, Goldsmith, R
October 2d. William Taylor, Feltmaker, P.

Freemen made and Registered in the Mayorality of Stephen Bayard Esqr.

November 6th. Isaac Abrahams, Distiller, P
John Hanion, Cooper, R
John Van Varrick, Baker, R

1744.	December 18th.	Abraham DeLanoy, Schoolmaster, R[egistered]
		John Benin, Marriner, R
		James Man, Cordwainer, R
		John Outenbogert, Cooper, R
		Peter Losee Junr., Labourer, R
		Casper Stymetze, Labourer, R
		Charles Allen, Marriner, P
		James Jackson, Cordwainer, P
		Ebenezer Lamson, Barber, P
1744–5.	February 5th.	Henry Bell, Labourer, P
		Jacob Parcell, Labourer, P
		John Murra, Labourer, P
		John Angevine, Labourer, P
		Richard Bidder, Mariner, P
		John Beekman, Merchant, R
		Henry Turck, Merchant, R
		James Lowns, Cooper, R
		John Carpenter, Butcher, R*
		Albertus Bush, Marriner, R
	26th.	William Sells, Labourer, P
		John Ackley, Joyner, R
	March 26th.	Thomas Willson, Marriner, P
		Peter De Joncourt, Victualler, P[aid]
		Daniel Agar, Dyer, P
		Mathew Areson, Labourer, P
		Abraham Frere, Labourer, P
		Benjamin Van Buskirk, Labourer, P
		Lawrence Van Buskirk, Labourer, P
		Richard Sibley, Turner, R
		James Brown Junr., Perriwiggmaker, R

*See Appendix No. 69.

1745. April 9th. James Man, Shopkeeper, P
May 7th. David Griffith, Marriner, P
Solomon Furman, Cooper, P
Jasper Drake, Boatman, P
Drake Palmer, Cordwainer, P
Peter Remson, Baker, P
John Cole, Labourer, P[aid]
David Davies, Labourer, P
Garret Davies, Labourer, P
John Carmon, Labourer, P
Isaac Daw, Labourer, P
George Coesaart, Bricklayer, R[egistered]
28th. James Wheeler, Cordwainer, R
John Smith, Labourer, P
Daniel Schureman, Labourer, P
Isaac Stagg, Labourer, P
Peter DeWitt, Labourer, P
Elijah Muller, Shipwright, P
Jacob Hallett, Cordwainer, P
June 25th. Bartram Burd, Cordwainer, P
William Creed, Cordwainer, P
Nathaniel Lawrence, Gentleman, P
Lawrence Van Wyck, Labourer, P
John Hollen, Marriner,
July 23d. Benjamin Daly, Shipwright, P
James Cox, Shipwright, P
Alexander Monro, Shipwright, P
Elliott Allchurch, Shipwright, P
Alexander Mowatt, Shipwright, P
Stephen Crosfield, Shipwright, P

1745. July 23d. Charles Gardner, Shipwright, P[aid]
Daniell Ruff, Shipwright, P
William Weeks, Shipwright P
Samuell Johnson, Shipwright, R[egistered]
Joseph Latham, Shipwright, R
Daniel Latham, Shipwright, R
Enoch Vrelandt, Shipwright, R
John Nicoll, Blacksmith, R
Peter Berjeau, Marriner, R
August 6th. Thomas Bowman, Shipwright, P
James Fulford, Shipwright, P
Thomas Burnton, Shipwright, P
Joseph Bowman, Shipwright, P
Thomas Cope, Marriner, P
Samuell Carter, Shipwright, R
Samuell Brughman, Marriner, R
27th. John Post, Shipwright, R
Joost Goederus, Cooper, R
Benjamin Watson, Cooper, R
Cornelius Myer, Blacksmith, R
John Downs, Blockmaker, R
September 24th. John Grant, Blacksmith, P
Lawrence Vanderhoof, Labourer, R
October 15th. John Griffiths, Marriner, P
Joris Remson, Bolter, P

1745. October 15th. Abraham Remson, Bolter, P
Andrew Varrick, Feltmaker, R[egistered]
November 5th. John Young, Gentleman, P
Andrew Ramsey, Gentleman, P[aid]
William Cadogan, Cordwainer, P
Bryan Nevin, Marriner, P
John Lake, Carpenter, R
Cornelius Tiebout, Blockmaker, R
26th. Barnaby Savage, Ropemaker, R
December 17th. Richard Trueman, Labourer, R
Hendrick Powelse, Mason, R
Elisha Parker, Gent., Attorney at Law, R
John Burnet, Gent., Attorney at Law, R
John Eween, Carpenter, R
Peter Giraud, Joyner, R
Charles Phillips, Cooper, R
John Carr, Joyner, R
John Margeson, Carpenter, R
1745–6. January 7th. Donald McCoy, Marriner, P
Edward Earle, Feltmaker, R
Francis Childs Junr., Perukemaker, R
John Lasher Junr., Cordwainer, R
February 4th. Thomas Kendell, Marriner, P
18th. George Rydout, Goldsmith, P
March 4th. William Cannon, Taylor, P
William Bonus, Surgeon, P
Caleb Lawrence, Bolter, P
Charles Nicol, Cordwainer, R

1745–6. March 4th. Lawrence Burras, Perriwigg-maker, R[egistered]
Alexander Allaire Junr., Cooper, R
April 1st. Abraham DeLanoy, Felt-maker, P[aid]
23d. John Ayscough, Physitian, P
29th. Malcolm Campbell, Schoolmaster, P
Jonathan Hazard, Currier, P
Hugh Rogers, Marriner, P
John Bulfinch, Marriner, P
Jacob Cole, Labourer, P
Charles Berry, Perukemaker, R
Gilbert King, Perukemaker, R
Johannes Man, Sadler, R
Andrew Gautier, Joyner, R
Myer Myers, Goldsmith, R
John Zenger, Printer, R
George Walgrove, Cooper, R
John Roome Junr., Blacksmith, R
Casparus Hertz, Labourer, R
May 6th. Cornelius Van Cliff, Labourer, P
John Johnson, Labourer, P
Teunis Jacobs, Carpenter, R
June 3d. William Willson, Chandler, P
John Quackenbos, Carpenter, P
Charles Walpole, Mathematicall Instrument Maker, P
George Johnson, Bolter, P
William Webb, Victualler, P
Samuell DeMaree, Labourer, P

1746. June 3d. Nicholas Anderson, Labourer, P[aid]
Jacobus Van Wyck, Labourer, P
Abraham Brinckerhoff, Labourer, P
John Davenport, Labourer, P
Henry Ludlow, Merchant, R
Thomas Ludlow, Merchant, R[egistered]
William Searle, Gent., Attorney at Law, R
Peter Montanie, Blacksmith, R
John Lyons, Blacksmith, R
John Ellison, Sailmaker, R
John Ewoutse, Feltmaker, R
July 1st. Mathew Van Alstyne, Merchant, P
Jacobus Buys, Labourer, P
Thomas Lappel, Joyner, P
Reginald Macbareth, Taylor, P
Hendrick Wessells, Sailmaker, P
William Anderson, Goldsmith, R
22d. Joseph Meeks, Weaver, P
John Vangelder, Blacksmith, R
September 2d. Hamilton Heuston, Marriner, P
William Peters, Victualler, P
Albert Van Brunt, Baker, P
October 14th. John Waddell, Marriner, P
John Brandt, Marriner, P
Joseph Griswold, Distiller, P
Samuell Tingley, Marriner, R

1746. November 4th. John Cross, Cooper, P[aid]
Samuell Babington, Perukemaker, R[egistered]
Adrian Man, Baker, R
7th. Edward Nicoll, Cordwainer, R
Johannes Hansen, Gunsmith, R
1746–7. January 13th. Jacob Christopher Foster, Tallow Chandler, P
Luke Mathewman, Taylor, P
Abraham Brower, Labourer, P
February 3d. Francis Davison, Carpenter, Gratis for his good Service in Extinguishing the Fire at the City Hall,*
Richard Wool, Feltmaker, R
March 3d. James Sample, Marriner, P
Nicholas Bogert, Baker, R
Jonathan Wheeler, Labourer, R
31st. John Estenbrook, Shipwright, P
Simon Roberts, Shipwright, P
James Clarke, Shipwright, P
Jacob Smout, Shipwright, P
William Haysham, Shipwright, P
William Kingsland, Shipwright,
Timothy Sloan, Weaver, P
Benjamin Lozier, Labourer, P
John Dobey, Joyner, P
Archeliaus Colardis, Marriner, P

* See Appendix No. 70.

1747. March 31st. Johannes Cowenhoven, Labourer, R[egistered]
Mathew Hoppe, Labourer, R
Francis Marney, Shipwright, R

April 14th. Charles Johnson, Schoolmaster, P[aid]
Ari Brinckerhoff, Labourer, P
William Ross, Carpenter, P
John McClean, Shipwright, P
Daniel Dunbibbin, Marriner, P

Duncan Brown, } Marriners Gratis for their good Service in Extinguishing the Fire at the City Hall,*
John Ebbetts, }

Volkert Vanhorne, Carpenter, R
Gilbert Forbes, Carpenter, R
Joseph Forbes, Cordwainer, R
Jeremiah Lenn, Mason, R

May 5th. Thomas Emmans, Labourer, P
Hans Jacob Huber, Labourer, P
Ulrick Brouwer, Labourer, P
Isaac Ver Veelen, Labourer, P

* See Appendix No. 70.

1747. May 5th. John Amerman, Labourer, P
Aaron Stockholm, Cordwainer, P[aid]
Thomas Pearse, Staymaker, P
John Jeffrey, Shipwright, P
Anthony Dobbins, Marriner, P
David Jones, Carpenter, P
Johannes Douw, Turner, R
6th. William White, Marriner, P
James Nash, Labourer, P
Henry Shaver, Labourer, P
June 2d. Abraham Cuyler, Shopkeeper, P
Henry Shaddine, Shipwright, P
Hugh Gill, Marriner, P
James Welch, Marriner, P
Moses Garrison, Labourer, P
Joseph Tomkins, Labourer, P
Joseph Seaman, Labourer, P
Thomas Ackerson, Labourer, P
John DeGray, Labourer, P
Alexander Griggs, Labourer, P
Daniel Dunscomb Junr., Cooper, R[egistered]
Cardan Proctor, Watchmaker, R
Peter Ridout, Labourer, R
30th. Phillip Philipse, Merchant, R
John McEvers Junr., Attorney at Law, R
Abraham Eight, Marriner, R
July 21st. Archibald McEuen, Schoolmaster, P

1747.	July 21st.	After Burtis, Labourer, P
	August 4th.	Christopher Myer, Labourer, P[aid]
		John Price, Marriner, P
		John Van Cortlandt, Gentleman, Attorney at Law, R
		Peter Keteltas, Merchant, R[egistered]
		William Slow, Labourer, R
	September 29th.	Humphry Davenport, Labourer, P
		Jacob Brandt, Cooper, R
		Abraham Emott, Labourer, R
	October 13th.	John McQuary, Labourer P
		John Lee, Carpenter, R
		Abraham Deforeest, Feltmaker, R.

Freemen made and Registered in the Mayorality of Edward Holland Esqr.

	November 3d.	Hugh Mullaghan, Perriwigmaker, P
		Alexander McCoy, Marriner, P
		Francis Davis, Marriner, P
		Abraham Brasier, Gunsmith, R
	17th.	Robert Elliott, Shopkeeper, P
	December 1st.	Elias De Grushe, Ropemaker, P
	22d.	Edward Annely, Gunsmith, P
		Thomas Herdon, Wheelwright, R
1747–8.	January 12th.	John Tuder, Merchant, R

1747–8. January 12th. Anthony Rutgers, Gentleman, R[egistered]
Elijah Heffernan, Carpenter, P[aid]
Henry Bryant, Weaver, P
February 2d. Andries Ten Brook, Carpenter, R
Joseph Williams, Carpenter, R
William Nicholson, Ropemaker, P
19th. John Milligan, Doctor of Physick, P
March 1st. David Brower, Labourer, P
Malcolm McEuen, Bookbinder, P
John McEuen, Labourer, P
Johan Jury, Libily, [?] P
15th. Richard Jeffery, Marriner, P
Thomas Haysham, Marriner, P
Thomas Willis, Weaver, P
Robert Carr, Bricklayer, R
April 5th. John Kindell, P
13th. Ralph Steel, Labourer, P
May 3d. James Carr, Labourer, P
Martinus Weytman, Labourer, P
Mathew Oakee, Labourer, P
Jonathan Ogden, Yeoman, P
4th. Isaac Hays, Tallow Chandler, P
Lawrens Van Boskirk, Labourer, P
Jacob Van Wormer, Labourer, P
Isaac Buys, Labourer, P
Hendrick Suydam, Butcher, P

1748. May 4th. Hendrick Remsen, Merchant, P[aid]
31st. Joseph Veal, Labourer, P
June 7th. John Waters, Innkeeper, P
21st. Bartholomew Crannell, Attorney at Law, R
Gideon Carstaing, Ropemaker, R[egistered]
Peter Teats, Weaver, R
Hugh Williams, Marriner (gratis given Claudius),
July 8th. Gulian Varck, Gunsmith, R
Jacob Roome, Marriner, R
Ralph Thurman Junr., Cooper, R
William Dobbs, Blacksmith, R
William Pontinier, Tinman, R
Joseph Smith, Labourer, R
Roger Magra, Taylor, P
John Parcell Junr., Blacksmith, R
John Burgiss, Marriner, Complimented,*
28th. Jacob Gardinier, Labourer, R
Andrew Hoyer, Gunsmith, R
August 2d. Cristopher Godlieb Cerutz, Baker, P
John Christee, Taylor, P
3d. James Gordon, Labourer, P
11th. His Excellency William Shirley Esqr., Govr of the Colony of the Massachusets Bay, in New England, } Complimented,†

* See Appendix No. 72.

† See Appendix No. 73.

1748. August 23d. James Colwell, Labourer, P[aid]
Johannes Duries, Baker, P
September 13th. Isaac Ryckman, Cordwainer, R[egistered]
Gilbert Ash, Joiner and Carpenter, R
Samuel Ryckman, Perukemaker, R
Robert (James) Livingston, Merchant, R
Nicholas Stuyvesant, Merchant, R
22d. Jacobus Blecker, Baker, P
John Welsch, Bricklayer, P
John Turck, Cooper, R
Jacob Roosevelt Junr., Shopkeeper, R
Teunis Tiebout Junr., Blockmaker, R
Garret DeGraff, Cooper, R
James Tucker, Shopkeeper, P
Lawrence Lawrence, Merchant, R
George Marschalk, Blockmaker, R
Isaac Roosevelt, Merchant, R
Jacobus Roosevelt, Merchant, R
Gerrardus Duyckinck, Limner, R
Abraham Van Wyck Junr., Merchant, R
Edward Williams, Cordwainer, R
Henry Beekman, Cooper, R
Jacob King, Blockmaker, R
26th. Henry Cregier, Marriner, R

1748. September 26th. William Van DeWater, Cooper, R[egistered]
Wiert Banta, Carpenter, R
Garret DeGrams, Carpenter, R
Isaac Bertrand, Cooper, R
William Heyer, Cooper, R
Francis Hendricks, Gunsmith, R
James Johnson, Wiggmaker, R
James Stevens, Cooper, R
Peter Hyer, Cooper, R
James Downs, Blockmaker, R
John George Cook, Stockingweaver, P[aid]
William Kippin, Blockmaker, R
William Savory, Marriner, R
John Lawson, Marriner, P
Thomas Bevan, Marriner, P
October 6th. William Allison, Surgeon, P
William Kelly, Marriner, P
Phillip Hogan, Marriner, P
William Lee, Carpenter, R
Adam Phafer, Carpenter, R
November 1st. Thomas Sparham, Surgeon, P
Simon Franks, Perukemaker, P
Battos Hyer, Cooper, R
John Marschalk Junr., Blockmaker, R
William Livingston, Gentleman, Attorney at Law, R
2d. John Williams, Shipwright, R
22d. John Forrest, Taylor, P
Matthew Morris, Labourer, P

1748. December 13th. Jacobus Myer, Labourer, P
20th. Robert Northhouse, Carpenter, P[aid]
John Mayfield, Marriner, P
29th. Abraham Bussing, Mason, P
John Crum, Cooper, P
John Abramse, Carpenter, P
Joseph Hildreth, Schoolmaster, R[egistered]
1748–9. January 10th. John Corbey, Labourer, P
David Devoor Junr., Weaver, R
David Giraud, Bricklayer, R
February 9th. Robert Keech, Shipwright, P
Daniel White, Shipwright, R
Benjamin Clardock, Shipwright, P
Persidias Gerrebrantz, P
John Gossinor, Labourer, P
Elijah Lynch, Shipwright, P
Benjamin Clifton, Shipwright, P
Robert White, Shipwright, R
Daniel Wright, Taylor, P
Charles Gilmour, Wiggmaker, R
John Churchwell, Mastmaker, P
10th. John Neilson, Labourer, P
28th. John Alsop, Gentleman, Attorney at Law, R
Lewis Relay, Cordwainer, R
March 21st. Richard McGuire, Labourer, P
31st. Alexander Wyley, Pedlar, P
Charles McCaller, Labourer, P
Gilbert Sherer, Taylor, P
James Parker, Printer, R

1749. March 31st. Johannes Huynch, Labourer, R[egistered]
April 11th. David Van Boskirk, Cooper, P
Peter Sawyer, Labourer, P
Johannes Weytman, Labourer, P[aid]
William Acker, Labourer, P
Petrus Brower, Labourer, P
Andrus Van Boskirk, Labourer, P
Ennis McIntosh, Labourer, P
Gidion Happeir, Turner, P
Isaac Wheeler, Carpenter, R
Isaac Pool, Cordwainer, R
George Welch, Cooper, R
18th. Robert Hendrickson, Scrivener, P
Richard Poor, Labourer, P
May 2d. John Farrell, Soap Boyler, P
4th. Amos Pain, Rigger, P
John Montgomerie, Perukemaker, P
Joseph Hadley, Labourer, P
David Piper, Taylor, P
Joseph Paul, Labourer, P
Jurck Jurrick Scerp, Labourer, P
David McKenlis, Butcher, P
John Dalley, Labourer, R
Henry Smith, Shopkeeper, R
Francis Dudley, House Carpenter, P
18th. Simon Bogart, Marriner, P
23d. James Isaiah, Rope Merchant, P
Josiah Bagley, Marriner, P
William Crilin, Marriner, P
Barent Deduyster, P

1749. May 31st. William Darlington, Perukemaker, P[aid]
Pontius Stell, Merchant, P
John Stimus, Labourer, P
Thomas Williams, Labourer, P
John Fay, Labourer, P
Robert Hallet, Cordwainer, R[egistered]
Daniel Brown, Shopkeeper, P
Gilbert Hyat, Cordwainer, R
George Horsen, Gunsmith, R
Thomas Pullen, Joyner, R
Folkert Duryee, Shopkeeper, P
George Applebey, Blacksmith, P
Richard Thorne, Merchant, P
June 13th. Richard Stillwell, Physitian, R
July 18th. Alexander Connolly, Physitian, P
21st. Jeremiah Hunt, Labourer, P
August 1st. Joseph House, Labourer, P
Richard Haddon, Marriner, P
John King, R
3d. Andrew Thomson, Mason, R
29th. Samuel Hodge, Perukemaker, P
Phillip Van Duersen, Cordwainer, R
Henry Stanton, Marriner, R
September 26th. Garret Van Horne, Merchant, R
William Carlile, Marriner, R
Davis Hunt, Carpenter, R
Thomas Gaulidet, Perukemaker, R

1749. September 26th. Cornelius Belsen, Turner, R
Thomas Seymour, Marriner, P[aid]
Everardus Brower, Feltmaker, P
Abraham De Lanoy Junr., Feltmaker, R[egistered]
James Rose, Labourer, P
Jacob Hansen, Blacksmith, R
Jacob Brower, Baker, R
David Hansen, Cooper, R
James Bussing, Cooper, R
October 24th. Daniel Speeder, Labourer, P
November 7th. Edward Nevill, P
10th. Robert Harding, Joyner, R
21st. Benjamin Winter, Ship Joyner, P
Joost Demaree, P
23d. John Thomson, Stocking-weaver, P
1749–50. January 4th. Joseph Crawford, Dancing-master, P
9th. Amos Dodge, House Carpenter, P
11th. David Miller, Weaver, P
February 6th. Thomas Braine, Merchant, R
Isaac De La Meteire, R
Tulip May, R
27th. Leonard Reade, Cooper, P
Henry Gilliam, Joyner, R
March 20th. Gabriel Carr, Sadler, P
Patrick Robinson, Labourer, P
William Proctor, Merchant, R
21st. Patrick Carryl, Shopkeeper, P
April 10th. Thomas Wiley, Cooper, P
Samuel Benley, Yeoman, P

1750. April 10th. Roger Pell, Gentleman, P
26th. David Robinson, Tobaconist, P[aid]
John Schultharp, Perukemaker, P
David Clarkson Junr., Gentleman, R[egistered]
May 1st. Abraham Lott, Gentleman, P
Alexander Lindsey, Peruke Maker, P
James Duncan, Gentleman, R
Jacob Valentine, Mason, R
2d. Simon Smith, Taylor, P
Thomas Collins, Carpenter, P
John Eagan, Boatman, P
Martin Wilson, Labourer, P
John Cosine, Cooper, R
29th. Peter Neefus, Labourer, P
William Stagg, Labourer, P
Nehemiah Okley, Labourer, P
John Chadwick, Labourer, P
John Berrian, Boatman, P
Jeremiah Brewer, Merchant, P
Richard Burge, Turner, P
Abraham Lyon (a Jew), Baker, P
John Hardenbrook, Cordwainer, R
30th. John Sackett, Merchant, P
August 7th. Edward Bullock, Gentleman, P
16th. Josiah Patterson, Surgeon, P
Paul Roome, Cordwainer, R
Ede Van Every, Blacksmith, R

1750. August 29th. Henry Byvanck Junr., R
Abraham Bokee, Cooper, R
William Beekman Junr., Marriner, R[egistered]
John Brown, Carpenter, P
Jacob Duryee, Baker, P[aid]
John Duryee, Baker, P
Nicolas Elsworth, Hatter, R
John Gelaspy, Labourer, P
John Gilbert, Hatter, R
William Hardenbrook, Tinman, R
Dennis Hageman, Baker, P
Leonard Lispenard, Merchant, P
George Misseroy, Cordwainer, R
Nicolas Parcells, Blacksmith, R
Richard Porter, Cordwainer, R
William Palmer, Joyner, R
Peter Rycker, Blacksmith, P
James Sickles, Yeoman, R
Ebenezer Taylor, Mason, R
Cornelius Van Borsom, Brasier, R
Albert Van Nostrand, Baker, P
John Wessells, Chairmaker, R
31st. Hendrick Snyder, Cordwainer, P
Elias Pelletreau, Goldsmith, R
John Vreedenburgh Junr., Cordwainer, R
Isaac Van Aernam, Hatter, R

1750.	August 31st.	John Kinderick, Cordwainer, R[egistered]
		John Sickles, Cordwainer, R
	September 12th.	Abraham Willet, Baker, P
		Johannes Schenck, Bolter, P
		Rene Bayeux, Confectioner, P[aid]
	21st.	William Dobs, Cooper, P *
	25th.	Joseph Hinchman, Physitian, P
		David Schuyler, Painter, R
	November 6th.	David Philipse, Wigmaker, R
		Eliphalet Ferris, Labourer, P
	7th.	James Haywood, Sawyer, P
		Thomas Crampshire, Wiggmaker, R
	20th.	George Edmundson, Marriner, P
		Thomas Wall, Chocolate Maker, P
		Robert Woodhouse, Cordwainer, P
	December 6th.	Bernard Harver, Gunsmith, R
	18th.	Daniell Carter, Painter, R
		Isaac Carstang, Yeoman, P
	20th.	Haman Levy, Merchant, P
1750–1.	January 8th.	Richard Sharpe, Merchant, P
		James Rochell, Merchant, P
		Adriaen Houswaet, Merchant, P
		Joseph Yeoman, Merchant, P
		John Smith, Baker, P
		John Wessells, Baker, P
	February 5th.	Abraham Mesier, Sadler, R

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1750–1. February 5th. Henry Van Denham, Innholder, P[aid]
Thomas Perry, Watchmaker, P
Jacob Van Voorhuys, Marriner, P
John Burg, Taylor, P
Godfrey Miller, Labourer, P
Duncan Alexander, Taylor, P
7th. Abraham Ackerman, Labourer, R[egistered]
19th. Thomas Shephard, House Carpenter, P
Gilbert Wessells, Sailmaker, R
Godfrey Wall, Blacksmith, R
March 22d. Augustus Van Cortlandt, Gentleman, R *
April 2d. William Flannigan, Merchant, P
John Pine, Labourer, P
Nicholas Ackerman, Labourer, P
Peter Pra Van Zandt, Innholder, R
30th. John Long, Merchant, P
John Evans, Labourer, P
Nicholas Bancker, Labourer, P
Teunis Van Tassell, Labourer, P
Andres Van Orde, Labourer, P
Phillip Frissick, Marriner, P
Christopher Gaines, Stockingweaver, P

* See Appendix No. 77.

1751. April 30th. Isaac Carstang, Ropemaker, R[egistered]
Robert Saunders, Marriner, R
May 2d. Jonathan Dibble, Innholder, P[aid]
Jonathan Baily, Labourer, P
Frederick Ousterman, Sugar Baker, P
Thomas Kain, Scrivener, P
Michael Sickles, Cooper, P
Samuel Lane, Cordwainer, P
Stephen Carpenter, Yeoman, P
Charles Sickles, Cordwainer, P
May 7th. William Van Blarcum, Labourer, P
Joseph DeLap, House Carpenter, P
Michael Smith, Labourer, P
Huybert Van Wagenen, Schoolmaster, P
John Dowers, Rigger, P
8th. John Bussing, Baker, P
Thomas Franklin, Merchant, P
June 4th. Gerardus William Beekman, Merchant, P
Martin Knecht, Mason, P
John McMullen, Cooper, P
Henry Hardcastle, Carver, P
Andries Rieber, Gardner, P
Isaac Van Aernam, Labourer, R
18th. Robert Griffith Junr., R
19th. Sakey Hainsworth, Merchant, P
July 16th. George Peters, Joyner, R

1751.	July 16th.	Robert Dickson, Joyner, R
		John MacGee, Cordwainer, R[egistered]
		Peter Bookhoudt, Labourer, P[aid]
		John Van Orde, Labourer, P
		Isaac Tripp, Cooper, R
		Nicholas Stilwell, Cordwainer, R
		Moses Benjamin Franks, Taylor, P
		John Rushton, Sadler, R
		John Marshall, Cordwainer, P
	August 20th.	Joseph Outen Bogert, Butcher, P
		Nicholas Devoe, Labourer, P
	September 3d.	Robert McKindliss, Butcher, P
	October 8th.	Daniel Stiles, Merchant, P
		Andrew Barnes, Merchant, P
		Anthony Ackling, Cooper, R
	14th.	Hugh Rafter, Cordwainer, P
	November 5th.	James Stag, Labourer, P
		Ephraim Lockwood, Labourer, P
		Benjamin Fenton, Labourer, P
		Cornelius Garretson, Labourer, P
		Joseph Anderson, Labourer, R
		Joseph Anderson Junr., Indian Jeweller, R
		Edward Anderson, Labourer, R
	December 3d.	Peter Louri, Jeweller, P

1752. January 14th. Garret Van Warts, Labourer, P[aid]
Benjamin Hildreth, Distiller, R[egistered]
Alexander Phœnix Junr., Sailmaker, R
John McNab, Labourer, P
Charles Richardson, Butcher, P
17th. Lambert Moore, Gentleman, Attorney at Law, R*
February 4th. Stephen Baldwin, Cordwainer, R
Frederick Lasher, Perukemaker, R
Jacob Lasher, Cordwainer, R
Peter Anthony, Cordwainer, R
Andrew Marschalk, Baker, R
Isaac Brazier, Blacksmith, R
James Freeman, Labourer, P
5th. William Donaldson, Merchant, P
John Hutcheson, Merchant, P
March 3d. Thomas Shreve, Carpenter, P
Benjamin Carmen, Labourer, P
Peter Peterson, Labourer, P
24th. David Lyons, House Carpenter, P
Abraham Van Vielen, Labourer, P
Thomas Holland, Victualler, P
Duncan McIver, Labourer, P
Hugh McCall, Labourer, P

* See Appendix No. 78.

1752. March 24th. John McKiddian, Labourer, P
April 14th. Christian Demaree, Labourer, P[aid]
David Navaro, Snuffmaker, R
Joseph Young, Labourer, P
May 5th. Josiah Crane, Tobacconist, R[egistered]
Paulus Covenhoven, Labourer, P
Jacob Hopper, Labourer, R
Jacob Stymets, Labourer, P
Isaac Janse, Weaver, P
Hugh Hughes, Currier, P *
Hendrick Halshart, Labourer, P
8th. Henry Hendrick, Labourer, P
19th. Timothy Shaw, Labourer, P
Jonn Van Dalson, Bricklayer, R
Abraham Bancker, Labourer, P
Henry Osburne, Labourer, P
Samuel Woodsides, Marriner, R
Jacob Van Wagenen, Weaver, P
Peter Crum, Labourer, P
Duncan McDougall, Labourer, P
26th. Cornelius Halff, Labourer, P
Tieunis Somernduyck, Labourer, R
David Hay, Physitian, P
Samuel Coon, Merchant, P
June 30th. Peter Connelly, Labourer, P

* See Appendix No. 79.

1752.	June 30th.	Barnett McKenny, Labourer, P[aid]
		David Hammond, Labourer, R[egistered]
	August 4th.	David Young, Labourer, P
	25th.	Roper Dawson, Merchant, P
	September 26th.	Abraham Volk, Labourer, P
		John Nathan Hutchins, Schoolmaster, P
	October 14th.	John Bingham, Cordwainer, P
		Arnold Hyatt, Labourer, P
	November 7th.	Joseph Levy, R
		Bartholomew Coxeter, Taylor, P
		Josiah Bagley Junr., Carpenter, P
		Nicholas Anthony, Cordwainer, R
		John Parcell, Boalter, P
		Harmanus Gardiner, Labourer, P
	December 5th.	John Morris, Cordwainer, R
		William Bagley, Labourer, P
		Jacobus Ackerman, Labourer, P
		Peter Waldron, Labourer, P
		William Wright, Tallow Chandler, P
	21st.	Charles Sullivan, Labourer, P
1753.	January 9th.	Jacob Van Wagenen, Baker, R
	February 6th.	Samuel Cowdrey, Feltmaker, P
	March 20th.	Garret Noel, Schoolmaster, P
		Rynier Quackingbos, Labourer, R
		John Winter, Labourer, P

1753. April 10th. Jonathan Durell, Potter, P
May 1st. Thomas Robinson, Marriner, P[aid]
William Kennedy, Tallow Chandler, P
John Bowen, Carpenter, P
Paulus Hopper, Labourer, R[egistered]
22d. Alexander Murphy, Labourer, P
John Halstead, Innholder, P
June 19th. Henry Taylor, Taylor, R
Isaac Germand, Innholder, P
Jacob Hoff Junr., Labourer, P
Martinus Wiltsee, Labourer, P
July 13th. John Wilson, Merchant, P
17th. Abraham Sazadas, Merchant, P
Andrew Maverick, Painter, P
John Brasell, Labourer, P
John Glentworth, Taylor, P
William Patten, Labourer, P
Samuel Ryder, Labourer, P
Garret Rapalje, Merchant, P
Thomas Francklin, Feltmaker, P
23d. Peter King, Labourer, P
Cornelius Van Blarcum, Labourer, P
Lucus Van Blarcum, Labourer, P
Thomas Arden, Cordwainer, R
John Dunlap, Merchant, P
John Fine, Labourer, P
August 7th. Daniel Knap, Innholder, P
James McCartney, Marriner, P

1753. August 7th. Samuel Sackett, Tallow Chandler, P[aid]
8th. Nicholas Van Dyck, Cutler,
September 11th. Alexander Colden, Merchant,
October 2d. Owen Gray, Marriner, P
Peter Trainer, Blacksmith, P
Vincent Bodine, Cooper, R[egistered]
10th. Sir Danvers Osborn, Bart., Complimentary,*
John Roberts, Gentleman, P
November 6th. John Van Tassell, Labourer, P
27th. William Keen, Innholder, P
Alexander Lightfoot, Innholder, P
John Crum, Leather Dresser, P
Barnet Thompson, P
1754. January 8th. James Carroll, Butcher, P
William Richardson, Marriner, P
Hillyard Judah, Shopkeeper, R
Daniel Shaw, Joiner, R
Aaron Mors, Perukemaker, R
Jeremiah Blanck, Cordwainer, R
Garret Benson, Labourer, R
9th. John Mare, Labourer, P
10th. George Giffen, Innholder, P
29th. Jeremiah Beaudouin, Staymaker, P
February 5th. Robert Murray, Marriner, P
Ruben Warren Thompson, Merchant, P
April 9th. Stephen Leach, Taylor, P

* See Appendix No. 80.

1754. April 9th. John Wyley, Distiller, P
Isaac Bernard, Labourer, P
Francis Weeks, Cordwainer, P[aid]
John Myer, Weaver, R
Nicholas Low, Shopkeeper, R[egistered]
John Alliner, Shipwright, R
Abraham Alliner, Shipwright, R
24th. John Amory, Merchant, P
May 7th. George Van Warte, Bricklayer, P
Lambert Blanck, Cartman, R
John Van Warte, Cartman, P
John Cargill, Butcher, P
8th. Jacob Cornell, Weaver, P
June 4th. Isaac Post, Labourer, P
David Brown, Labourer, P
Thomas Stilwell, Labourer, P
William Taylor, Labourer, P
John Davis, Joiner, R
Alexander Montgomery, Innholder, P
July 16th. Francis McNname, Labourer, P
23d. George Duncan Junr., Gentleman, P
Benjamin Wynkoop, Sadler, R
John McCarty, Labourer, P
Nathaniel Sullivan, Labourer, P
August 6th. William Rhinelander, Cordwainer, P
John Latham, Shipwright, R
Lodewick Roos, Labourer, R
James Tiger, Innholder, P
Hugh Ryder, Blacksmith, R

1754. August 6th. Jonas Wright, Shipwright, R[egistered]
Richard Cornwell, Shipwright, P[aid]
James Wodden, Shipwright, P
7th. Henry Derham, Merchant, P
October 8th. Francis Yeoman, Carpenter, P
Richard Thorp, Labourer, R
November 5th. Dirick Duryee, Baker, P
Andrew Forster, Perukemaker, R
26th. John Parsons, Joyner, R
December 17th. Samuel Edmunds, Bricklayer, R
24th. John Pierson, Merchant, P
1755. January 7th. Roland De Pabia, Merchant, P
James Murray, Druggist, P
February 5th. Samuel Francis, Innholder, R
25th. John Ellis, Glasier and Paynter, P
April 1st. Dennis Sullivan, Labourer, P
29th. John Lawrence, Boalter and Baker, P
Josiah Martin, Tallow Chandler, P
May 6th. Daniel McEwen, Labourer, P
Jacob Le Roy, Merchant, P
7th. Michael Hoffman, Cordwainer, P
Nicholas Stagg, Butcher, P
Christian Severbergh, Watchmaker, P

1755.	May 7th.	Joseph Keene, Labourer, P
	27th.	Richard Warner, Labourer, P[aid]
		John Crawford, Labourer, P
		Thomas Burbanck, Labourer, P
		Godfrey Miller, Britches Maker, P
	July 15th	Nathaniel Marston Junr., Gentleman, R[egistered]
		Isaac Furdon, Cordwainer, P
		Abraham Furdon, Cordwainer, P
		James Harriway, Labourer, P
		John Mott, Labourer, P
		Thomas Williams, Butcher, P
		Alexander Sheadder, Stone Cutter, P
	18th.	Dirick Brinckerhoff, Shopkeeper, R
	August 5th.	William Allan, Marriner, P
		Joseph Varian, Butcher, R
	26th.	Jarvis Roebuck, Corck Cutter, P
	September 10th.	David Beekman, Merchant, R
		Andrew Cannon, Merchant, R
		Petrus Byvanck, Merchant, R
		Cornelius Kortright, Merchant, R
		John Byvanck, Merchant, R
		Adolph Brass Junr., Merchant, R

1755. September 10th. His Excellency Sir Charles Hardy, Knt., Capt. General and Governour in Chief of the Province of New York, &c. } Complimented,*

30th. Andrew Hamersly, Brazier, R[egistered]

Asher Myers, Brazier,

October 14th. William Weyman, Printer, P[aid]

John Dally Junr., Shipwright, R

21st. Abraham Van Dyck, Feltmaker, R

Robert Boyle, Pewterer, R

Gilbert Smith, Perukemaker, R

Vincent Tilyou, Turner, R

Samuel Brown, Bookbinder, R

William Husty, Blacksmith, R

November 4th. James Stewart, Baker, P

5th. Abraham Van Warte, Labourer, P

Jacobus DeVoe, Labourer, P

Baltus Van Kleeck, Labourer, P

William Nutter, Carpenter, P

December 23d. Hudson Goff, Bricklayer, R

Edward Loweare, Cooper, R

Abraham Van Aart, Bricklayer, R

1756. January 27th. John Foy, Leather Dresser, P

Edward McElroy, Taylor, P

* See Appendix No. 81.

1756. February 4th. Anthony Byvanck, Labourer,
William Cairns, Joiner,
David Jaycocks, Labourer, P[aid]
March 9th. James Davis, Labourer, P
Jacob Banta, Labourer, P
Luke Clarke, Labourer, P
Thomas Parsell, Surgeon, P
30th. Cornelius Van Oorden, Labourer, R[egistered]
William Simmons, Labourer, R
Alexander Young, Labourer, P
Nicholas Devoe, Labourer, P
May 4th. Benjamin Douglass, Taylor, R
William Moon, Marriner, P
John White, Cordwainer, R
William Cobhams, Shopkeeper, P
Peter Van Der Voort, Labourer, P
Arthur McNeal, Marriner, P
Henry Hulse, Labourer, P
Henry Alberto Bogart, Labourer, P
18th. Thomas Hays, Merchant, P
Samuel Rogers, Merchant, P
Jacob Reade, Taylor, P
Jonas Spack, Innholder, P
Angus McDugall, Innholder, P
Garret Van Bommell, Weaver, P
James MacGra, Labourer, P
James Light, P
Abraham Skinner, Goldsmith, R

1756. June 8th. Andries Van Orden, Labourer, P[aid]
Wilhelmus Dutcher, Labourer, P
David Demarree, Labourer, P
Martinus Post, Labourer, P
Bernardus Swartwout, Labourer, P
Jacob Garretse, Labourer, R[egistered]
29th. James Singer, Perukemaker, P
Benjamin Allen, Taylor, P
John Sullivan, Taylor, P
Joseph Burck, Taylor, P
Isaac Concklin, Taylor, P
David Davis, Taylor, P
Jacob Westervelt, Taylor, P
Abraham Losie, Taylor, P
July 13th. Richard Cursen, Gentleman, P
Joseph Wall, Labourer, P
James Armstrong, Labourer, P
John De Groot, Labourer, P
James Bancks, Labourer, P
August 4th. Peter Martin, Goldsmith, P
Isaac Somerenduyck, Labourer, R
Thomas Nowlan, Labourer, P
Gilbert Outen Bogart, Labourer, R
William Brown, Joiner, P
17th. John Brower, Labourer, P
31st. Thomas Cheeseman, Shipwright, R
John Wright, Shipwright, R

1756. August 31st. Job Weeks, Shipwright, P
Dennis Woertman, Shipwright, R[egistered]
William Peet, Shipwright, P
Peter Caverly, Shipwright, P
Nathan Horton, Shipwright, P[aid]
Silvanus Dillingham, Shipwright, P
Henry Brevoort, Blacksmith, R.

Freemen made and Registered in the Mayorality of John Cruger Esqr.

November 16th. Thomas Swartwout, Labourer, paid Mr. Mayor his fee in this, P
Jacobus VerVela, Labourer, paid Mr. Mayor his fee in this, P
23d. Peter Cornell, Bricklayer, P
Nicholas Brewer, Labourer, P
Andrew Losie, Labourer, R
1757. January 4th. Emanuel Abrahams, Distiller and Tobacconist, P
George Anderson, Labourer, R
11th. Jacobus Stryker, Labourer, P
Cornelius Wynkoop, Sadler, R
February 1st. John Palmer, Carpenter, P
John Vanpelt, Bricklayer, P
2d. John Torrey, Shipwright, P
John Tompkins, House Carpenter, P
Moses Clements, Cabinetmaker, P

1757. February 22d. Isaac Carow, Bricklayer, P
Samuel Miller, Shipwright, P
David Keech, Shipwright, P
March 22d. James Utt, Butcher, R
Johannes Van Home, Labourer, P[aid]
Isaac Myer, Innholder, R
Samuel DeLamater, Cordwainer, R[egistered]
May 4th. Barent Provoost, Gentleman, R
John Lambert, Marriner, P
John Alley, Labourer, R
Isaac DeLamater, Labourer, R
Thomas Mulliner, Cordwainer, R
William McKinley, Labourer, P
Robert Johnson, Perukemaker, P
John McQuin, Staymaker, P
Patrick Derry, Taylor, P
Walter Brock, Labourer, P
Christopher Sennatt, Marriner, P
John Walter, Labourer, P
Patrick McCulligan, Cordwainer, P
John Oblinus, Labourer, R
Elias Fritz, Labourer, P
James Neavin, Cooper, P
Stephen Farr, Marriner, P
31st. Peter Stymets, Labourer, P
Peter Jadwin, Labourer, P
Michael Pine, Labourer, P
William Warner, Labourer, P

1757. May 31st. Solomon Sherrard, Labourer, P[aid]
Daniel Bernard, Cordwainer, P
Stephen Fitzpatrick, Taylor, P
George Hilliker, Labourer, P
Lewis Hamilton, Perukemaker, P
John Cree, Cordwainer, P
Staats Bush, Labourer, R
June 21st. Lewis Steward, Marriner, P
John Denny, Cordwainer, P
Robert Atkins, Labourer, P
Henry Veltman, Labourer, P
Morris Earle, Hatter, R
Thomas Montanja, Blacksmith, R[egistered]
Marmaduke Earle, Labourer, P
John Lewis, Marriner, P
Luke Lozier, Labourer, P
John Ten Brook, Labourer, P
Richard Rodgers, Labourer, P
July 22d. Aaron Gilbert, Saltmeasurer, R *
August 2d. Daniel Wandel, Labourer, R
Barent Martling, Labourer, P
Daniel Devoe, Labourer, P
Francis Van Dyck, Razor grinder, R
Abraham Van Buskirk, Labourer, R
23d. James McMullen, Labourer, P

* See Appendix No. 82.

1757. August 23d. Patrick Gibson, Labourer, P
September 13th. Thomas Walter, Surgeon, P
William Tuckey, Taylor, P
George Hopson, Butcher, P
Aldrick Brower, Labourer, P
Henry Stanton, Labourer, R[egistered]
Isaac Bush, Labourer, P
Peter Ennis, Labourer, P
Isaac Shute, Labourer, R
James Dutchie, Wigmaker, P[aid]
James McKenzie, Shipwright, P
October 4th. John McCallester, Labourer, P
John Porterfield, Labourer, P
Peter Hanion, Labourer, P
Charles Lugg, Rigger, P
Benjamin Lorine, Cordwainer, R
Thomas Harwood, Labourer, R
Johannis Burger, Mariner, R
Richard Outen Bogart, Bricklayer, R
November 1st. Samuel Forster, Dyer, P
Samuel McGee, Joiner, R
7th. Francis Cooley, Marriner, P
Samuel Ellis, Joiner, P
December 6th. Archibald McElroy, Perukemaker P [not paid]
Jacob Brower, Labourer, P
David Brower, Labourer, P
Archibald Campbell, Labourer, P
Albert Allie, Labourer, P
John Davis, Labourer, P

1757.	December 6th.	Woolfert Webbers, Labourer, R[egistered]
		James Wool, Labourer, R
		John McIntosh, Labourer, R
1758	January 3d.	Robert Alexander, Merchant, P[aid]
		John Dalglish, Merchant, P
		Magnis Garret, Labourer, P
		Robert Ryder, Labourer, P
		George Clapham, Labourer, P
		Nathaniel Coles, Labourer, P
	31st.	William Shelly, Labourer, P
	February 7th.	Peter Garrabrants, House Carpenter, P
		Egbert Vander Hoof, Gunsmith, R
	April 25th.	Jacobus Westervelt, Labourer, P
	May 2d.	John Runshaw, Cordwainer, P
	23d.	Elias Bailey, Labourer, P
		Abraham Swartwout, Labourer, P
		William Parsill, Labourer, P
		Albertus Spier, Labourer, P
		Michael Ryer, Labourer, P
		Johannis Van Cleck, Labourer, P
		Laughlin McIntosh, Labourer, P
		John Van Schryven, Labourer, P
		Hendricus Ackerman, Labourer, P
		Fredericus Ver Vele, Labourer, P
		Charles Brewer, Labourer, P
		John McDaniel, Labourer, P

1758.	May 23d.	Elijah Ferguson, Labourer, P[aid]
		Walter Steward, Labourer, P
		Ezra Hubble, Marriner, P
		Jesse Hunt, Taylor, P
		Benjamin Ogden, House Carpenter, P
		James Loghead, Taylor, P
		Peter Graham, Labourer, P
		John Devan, Leather Dresser, P
		Joseph Horton, Labourer, P
		Cornelius Myer, Labourer, P
	June 20th.	John Coolbach, Labourer, P
		James Gallispie, Labourer, P
		Gabriel Winter, Carpenter, P
		David Harris, Labourer, P
		Abraham Storm, Labourer, P
		Benjamin Comfort, Labourer, P
		Gepham Sherrard, Labourer, P
		John Keating, Merchant, P
	July 18th.	Francis Hoogelandt, Cooper, P
		Isaac Van Gerder, Labourer, R[egistered]
	August 1st.	Philip Doughty, Taylor, P
	15th.	Isaac Adophus, Merchant, P
		Richard Flannegan, Labourer, P
		James Hillyard, Labourer, P
		Isaac Blauvelt, Labourer, P
	September 12th.	Simon Van Wynche, Labourer, P
		William Scott, Labourer, P
		Thomas Bedford, Labourer, P
		Jeremiah Field, Labourer, P

1758. September 12th. Henry Burchell, Labourer, P
Albert Amerman, Baker, P
John Crisp, Ship Carpenter, P[aid]
October 10th. Samuel Cumpton, Tinman, P
Joseph Rigby, Cordwainer, R[egistered]
November 7th. Christopher Kilby Junr., Shopkeeper, P
Andrew Walker, Labourer, P
10th. Johan Hendrick Brown, Baker, P
1759. January 30th. James Post, House Carpenter, P
Joseph Lewis, Labourer, P
Benjamin Benson, Labourer, P
Jacob Demaree, Bricklayer, P
James Dickson, Shipwright, P
Gerrardus Hardenbrook, Bricklayer, R
Jacob Lozier, Bricklayer, R
Oliver Lozier, Bricklayer, R
March 27th. Abraham Cock, Cooper, P
May 8th. Thomas Wright, Merchant, P
William Alger, Merchant, P
Patrick McDaniel, Taylor, P
Samuell Crosby, Labourer, P
Abraham Marling Junr., Labourer, P
John Storm, Labourer, P
24th. John Lewis, Marriner, P
June 5th. Alexander Brevoort, Labourer, P
Shadrich Chatterton, Labourer, P
James Cargill, Butcher, P
John Outenbogart, Butcher, R

1759. July 3d. Manuel Myers, Shopkeeper, P[aid]
Samuel DeLucena, Shopkeeper, R[egistered]
Abraham Van Gelder, Gunsmith, R
John Johnson, Sadler, R
24th. Jacob Clawson, Butcher, P
Gotthart Ziegler, Butcher, P
Peter Shweikert, Chocolatemaker, P
Gottfried Woolhauper, Turner, P
Mawritz Goubel, Baker, P
John Will, Pewterer, P
George Hubner, Labourer, P
John Baltus Dash, Tinman, P
Carl Sweverdiz, Taylor, P
Ludwig Gressman, Taylor, P
Johan Heinrich Gunther, Labourer, P
Frederick Weiss, Cutler, P
August 8th. Richard Palmer, Labourer, P
Thomas Palmer, Labourer, P
James Bogert, Baker, R
September 29th. Silvester Morris, Silversmith, R
October 4th. Jacob Remsen, Boalter, P
William Cowley, Cooper, P
Edward Price, Labourer, P
Thomas McDaniel, Cooper, R
John Peterson, Baker, R
Richard Ten Eyck, Baker, R
John Brown, Baker, R
Isaac Slover, Cordwainer, R
November 9th. William Cobb, Marriner, P
Michael Cornelison, Labourer,

1759. December 4th. John Saxon, Labourer, P[aid]
John Best, Shipwright, P
Daniel Christian Forraitier, Goldsmith, P

1760. January 15th. Richard Lewis, Merchant, P
February 5th. Martin Pendergast, Blacksmith, P
John Emmett, Cordwainer, R
8th. Jacob Wandle, Shipwright, P
March 4th. Nathan Fish, Shopkeeper, P
William Nicoll, Taylor, P
John Anderson, Joiner, P
Jacob Myer Allen, Gunsmith, P
Eward Hunt, Joiner, P
William Goforth, Labourer, P
William Post, Paynter, R
James Reade, Cordwainer, R
Michael Butler, Labourer, P
7th. Arnout Cannon, Carpenter, R[egistered]
May 6th. Stephen Lanehouse, Carpenter, R
John Michael Will, Cordwainer, P
Andrew Frederick, Baker, P
Hercules Wendover, Cordwainer, R
Abraham Knickabaker, Labourer, R
Abraham Andrieson, Labourer, R
John Ruger, Labourer, R
Joseph Hadden, Shopkeeper, P
September 16th. William Butler, Sadler, P
Francis Welch, Staymaker P

1760. September 16th. Willett Taylor, Marriner, P
Theophilus Anthony, Blacksmith, R[egistered]
Patrick Hynes, Marriner, P
Joseph Chadwine, Cooper, R
James Paulding, Cordwainer, R
Walter Hyer, Cordwainer, R
William Haywood, Blockmaker, R
Benjamin Aerson, Butcher, P[aid]
Rynier Quackenbush, Cordwainer, R
Isaac Bennett, Cooper, R
Charles Jeffrey, Marriner, P
Robert Warne, Blockmaker, R
Peter Wright, Blacksmith, R
Lancaster Burling, Shipwright, R
Henry Ryker, Joiner, P
October 14th. David Holmes, Shipwright, P
John Smith, Copper Refiner, P
Stephen Richards, Merchant, R
November 4th. James Kerkwood, Shipwright, P
John Banker, House Carpenter, R
Abraham Willson, Perukemaker, R
Gen. Jeffrey Amherst, Complimentary,*
December 9th. John Gallaudet, Perukemaker, R

* See Appendix No. 83.

1761. January 13th. Samuel DeGroot, Labourer, P[aid]
22d. Michael Murphy, Marriner, P
February 3d. Isaac LaMessne, Labourer, P
George Hutton, Labourer, R[egistered]
William Serjeant, Labourer, P
Thomas Burns, Cooper, R
Paul Blanck, Cordwainer, R
Elias Bunnell, Blacksmith, P
Jacob Harser, Labourer, R
Edward Annley, Gunsmith, R
William Scandrett, Brass Founder, P
John Van Sice, Shipwright, R
Jacob Wyncoop, Shopkeeper, R
Abraham Fincher, Carpenter, R
Francis Dominick, Carpenter, R
John Davis, Taylor, R
John Wallace, Taylor, R
George Dominick, Bricklayer, R
David Scott, Hatter, R
Thomas Howell, Cooper, R
Francis Panton, Perukemaker, P
Alexander McDougall, Blacksmith, R
Duncan McDougall, Cordwainer, R
John Lowrier, Ropemaker, R
Robert Nisbitt, Ropemaker, R

1761. March 3d. Thomas Pool, Marriner, P
Nicholas Slidell, Blacksmith, R[egistered]
Frederick DeVoe, Cordwainer, R
Evert Kip, Currier, R
Robert Lyng, Labourer, R
Crosfield Ruston, Currier, P
William Taylor, Blockmaker, R
Robert Provoost Junr., Marriner, R
John Graham, Labourer, P
Peter Taylor, Carpenter, R
John Burt Lyng, Silversmith, R
Nicholas DeRiemer, Hatter, R
Isaac Stoutenburgh Junr., Gunsmith, R
Manus Burger, Cordwainer, R
James Wells, Cordwainer, R
George Harner, Pewterer, R
Henry Tiebout, Bricklayer, R
Duncan McDougall, Labourer P[aid]
John DeGroot, Joiner, R
Vincent Carter, Labourer, R
Charles Wiggins, Joiner, R
Caleb Ogden, Hatter, P
John Morris, Perukemaker, R
Thomas Young, Cooper, R
John Forbes, Carpenter, R
Thomas Jackson, Cooper, P
Verdine Elsworth, Baker, R
George Brewington Junr., Gentleman, R

1761. March 3d. William Forbes, Cordwainer, R[egistered]
Francis Thodey, Merchant, R
Henry Hustick, Blacksmith, R
William Tillson, Chairmaker, R
Joseph Cox, Upholsterer, P
Henry Roomer, Shopkeeper, R
John Heath, Silversmith, R
William McIlvaine, Baker, R
Abraham Williams, Carpenter, R
Peter Mashet, Brazier, R
Thomas Ogilvie, Carpenter, R
John Marlin, Blacksmith, P
Martin Shire, Cordwainer, R
Duncan Campbell, Taylor, P
William Bennet, Blacksmith, R
John Campbell, Potter, R
John Slidell, Tallow Chandler, R
Samuel Lester, Taylor, R
Cornelius Cooper, Hatter, R
John Smith, Cooper, P[aid]
John Simmons, Marriner, P
Robert Burn, Cooper, R
John Thompson, Scriviner, P
Joseph Paulding Junr., Baker, R
John Wyley, Taylor, R
Francis Arden, Bricklayer, R
Cornelius Bennet, Cordwainer, R
Cornelius Van Den Bergh, Yeoman, R

1761. March 3d. John Dudley, Baker, R
Jeronimus Alstyne, Blacksmith, R[egistered]
William Dudley, Carpenter, R
John Tomlinson, Taylor, P
May 5th. John Beckitt, Cordwainer, P
Thomas Hildreth, Sailmaker, R
Peter Romer, Blacksmith, R
John Mone Brute, Perukemaker, R
Robert Boyd Junr., Blacksmith, P[aid]
Cornelius Hyer, Hatter, R
Woolfert Cooper, Labourer, P
Jacob Van Warte, Labourer, P
22d. John Tharger, Cordwainer, R
July 7th. Benjamin Stymets, Carpenter, R
Waldrom DeBlau, Weaver, R
John Williams, Marriner, P
August 7th. Benjamin Lindner, Praticioner in Physick, P
John Oveler, Hatter, P
William Carr, Taylor, P
Paul Miller, Marriner, P
John Imlay, Merchant, P
Henry Grigg, House Carpenter, R
Joseph Woodruff, Paynter and Glazier, R
8th. Timothy Scandrett, House Carpenter, P
September 22d. William Smith, Blockmaker, R

1761.	September 22d.	William Marriner, Cordwainer, R[egistered]
		John Needham, Taylor, R
		Andrew Hopper, Blacksmith, R
		Walter DeGrove, Cooper, R
	October 14th.	Jacob Labach, Cordwainer, R
	31st.	General Robert Monckton, Governor of New York, Complimentary,*
	November 10th.	Richard Allan, Brassfounder, P[aid]
		Leonard DeKlyne, Joiner, R
1762.	January 5th.	Thomas Marston, Merchant, R
		Stephen Gibbon, Merchant, R
		Joseph Cockran, Carpenter, R
	February 2d.	Johannis Kove, Cordwainer, P
	3d.	Mathew Hoyer, Baker, P
		Garrit Roorback, Baker, R
	May 5th.	David Flemming, Soap Boyler, P
		William Lawson, Cordwainer, P
	October 14th.	Jacob Sharpe, Baker, P
		Cornelius Clopper Junr., Baker, R
		Wessell Van Orden, Blacksmith, R
	December 21st.	Cornelius Van Sise, House Carpenter, R
1763.	February 1st.	Moses Sherwood, House Carpenter, P
	September 26th.	Whitehead Hicks Esqr., R

* See Appendix No. 84.

1764. August 21st. James Cebra, Merchant, R
October 30th. John Utt, Butcher, P[aid]
1765. April 30th. Lawrence Wessells Jun., Baker, R[egistered]
Jeremiah Wool, Lastmaker, R
June 25th. Tieunis Somerenduyck, Farmer, R
August 20th. John Milde Burger, Cordwainer, R
October 1st. Rynier Skaats, Sailmaker, R
Isaac Ball, Carpenter, R
Jacobus Quick, Tanner, R
Andrew TenEyck, Joiner, R
Benjamin Quackenbush Junr., Carpenter,
Pete Tillou Junr., Turner, R
Ahasuerus Turk Junr., Instrument Maker, R
Philip Paine, Bookbinder, R
Jonathan Piercey, Carpenter, R
Tobias Van Zandt, Blockmaker, R
Abraham Wheeler, Labourer, R
Richard Warner, Sailmaker R
Andrew Bell, Blacksmith, R
Walter Hyer Junr., Taylor, R
James Abeel, Merchant, R
Francis Webster, Cordwainer, R
Dennis McGuire, Baker, R
Isaac Carow, Cabinetmaker, R
Thomas King, Cooper, R
Jacob Smith, Turner, R
Christopher Stymets Junr., Carpenter, R

1765. October 1st. John W. Vredenburgh, Hatter, R[egistered]
Gerrard DePeyster, Merchant, R
Peter V. Benthuysen, Hatter, R
James Selover, Carpenter, R
Henry Van Ness, Painter and Glazier, R
William Bickers, Hatter, R
Victor Bickers, Hatter, R
John Utterbergh, Perukemaker, R
Elias Anderson, Blacksmith, R
William Wool, Heelmaker, R
William Depeyster Junr., Merchant, R
John Walter, Joiner, R
Jacob Brower, Carpenter, R
David Provoost, Gunsmith, R
William DeWitt, Cordwainer, R
David Barclay, Perukemaker, R
John Post, Cooper, R
Peter Outerberg, Cordwainer, R
Henry Miller, Cordwainer, R
James Lawrence, Chearmaker, R
John Johnson, Taylor, R
Philip Horne, Carpenter, R
John Hopper, Farmer, R
William Richardson, Cordwainer, R
Henry Beekman, Perukemaker, R
John Piper, Cordwainer, R

1765. October 1st. Mathew Hopper, Blacksmith, R[egistered]
Andrew Blanck, Cartman, R
Jellis Hopper, Cordwainer, R
Garrit Abeel, Merchant, R
James Dunscomb, Cooper, R
John Lewis, Perukemaker, R
Wessel Hopper, Farmer, R
Richard Somerendyck, Farmer, R
David Post, Blacksmith, R
Herculus Mulligan, Taylor, R
Samuel Dyckman, Carpenter, R
Jacob Brower, Baker, R
Nicholas Becker, Cordwainer, R
Evert Byvanck Junr., Merchant, R
John Howes, Wheelwright, R
James Campbell, Cordwainer, R
Nicholas Parcell, Blacksmith, R
Lawrence Kemble, Tinman, R
Nicholas Romine, Carpenter, R
Christopher Benson, Marriner, P[aid]
James Mott, Breechesmaker, R
Benjamin Quereau, Carpenter, R
Harmanus Schuyler, Painter, R
William Young, Perukemaker, R

1765. October 1st. Isaac Chardavoine Junr., Carpenter, R[egistered]
Peter Crolius, Cordwainer, R
Henry Labagh, Cooper, R
Timothy Bussing, Cordwainer, R
Vander Clife Norwood, Blockmaker, R
William Elsworth, Gunsmith, R
Tobias Stoutenburgh, Baker, R
William Teller, Sadler, R
William Williams, Shopkeeper, R
John King, Cordwainer, R
Peter Burger, Perukemaker, R
Daniel Burger, Blockmaker, R
Richard Norwood, Brazier, R
John Kip, Cordwainer, R
Mangle Minthorne, Cooper, R
Jacobus Van Sise, Merchant, R
James Hallet Junr., Wheelwright, R
Charles Wheeler, Joiner, R
Nicholas N. Anthony, Tanner, R
Moses Taylor Junr., Taylor, R
Mathew Redet, Cordwainer, R
Thomas Whitefield, Shipwright, R
Richard Leacraft, Brassfounder, R

1765. October 1st. Simon Cregier, Cordwainer, R[egistered]
Christopher Kennedy, Taylor, R
Cornelius Cregier, Cordwainer,
Walter Hyer, Cooper, R
John Jadwin, Cooper, R
John Barry, Baker, R
John DeForeest, Sailmaker, R
John Silvester, Cooper, R
Michael Thodey, Merchant, R
Abraham Lynsen, Merchant, R
William Baldwin, Staymaker, R
Jacobus Bogert, Baker, R
Jasper Stymets, Cordwainer, R
Isaac Peck, Feltmaker, R
Isaac Bussing, Cooper, R
Elias Chardavoine, Carpenter, R
Leonard Warner, Turner, R
John Keene, Perukemaker, R
Isaac Vredenburgh, Cordwainer, R
Joshua Slidell, Silversmith, R
John Cree Junr., Cordwainer, R
John Oothout, Shopkeeper, R
John Somerindyck, Bookbinder, R
William Miller, Cordwainer, R
Lewis Thibou, Sadler, R

1765. October 1st. William Grigg, Silversmith, R[egistered]
John DeLamontagne, Painter, R
David Grim, Cordwainer, R
Mathias Vredenburgh, Hatter, R
Nicholas Depeyster, Merchant, R
John Mare Junr., Limner, R
Michael LeGear, Cordwainer, R
Luke C. Quick, Baker, R
Evert Wessells, Cordwainer, R
Frederick Ecker, Carpenter, R
Garrit Van Gelder, Chairmaker, R
James Wessells, Perukemaker, R
Isaac Marschalk, Baker, R
Jacobus Myer, Baker, R
Harmanus Bussing, Shop Joiner, R
Benjamin Hoogelandt, Carpenter, R
Andrew Marschalk, Baker, R
Isaac Corsa, Shopkeeper, R
Nicholas Quackenbush, Baker, R
Jacob Shafer, Scrivener, R
Isaac Laback, Cooper, R
Abraham Laback, Cooper, R
Thomas Dodge, Shipwright, P[aid]
Barent Speere, Cordwainer, P

1765. October 1st. Marinus Willet, Cabinet-maker, R[egistered]
Henry Brinckerhooff, Cord-wainer, R
Walter Quackenbush, Baker, R
Thomas Wiggins, Carpenter, R
Garret Waldron, Bricklayer, P[aid]
Samuel Deal, Hosier, P
William Warner, Turner, P
James VanDyck, Cutler, P
Peter Hosier, Carpenter, R
Adam Gilchrist, Taylor, P
John Gasner, Glazier, R
Mathew Tiers, Blacksmith, P
John Elliot, Taylor, P
Richard Edwards, Cooper, P
Robert Tout, Cordwainer, R
John Sticklin, Cordwainer, R
Michael Slidell, Soap Boy-ler, R
Abraham Martling, Cord-wainer, P
Paulus Banta, Carpenter, P
Abraham Flarentine, Cord-wainer, R
Edward Meeks, Blacksmith, R

October 14th. John Harris Cruger, Mer-chant, R
Nicholas Cruger, Merchant, R
Cornelius Roosevelt, Gentle-man, R
Anthony Rutgers Junr., Mer-chant, R
Peter Low, Merchant, P

1765 October 14th. Samuel Hallet, House Carpenter, R[egistered]
Henry Will, Pewterer, P
Henry Whiteman, Button Maker, P[aid]
Johannis Zuricker, Stonecutter, P
John Carnes [Earnest], Merchant, R
23d. Jacobus Van Antwerp, Taylor, P
William Lupton, Retailor, P
Abraham Van Ranst, Merchant, R
John Bates, Breeches Maker, P
Robert Andrews, Whitesmith, P
Adam DeGrushe, Shipwright, R
Elias DeGrushe Junr., Ropemaker, R
Peter Van Der Voort, Shopkeeper, P
John Murray, Shopkeeper, P
Joseph Drake, Shopkeeper, P*
Abraham Brinckerhoof, Shopkeeper, R
Peter DeMilt, Taylor, R
Dirick Brinckerhoof Junr., Shopkeeper, R
David Banta, Mason, P
Henry Sickels, Joiner, R
Aert Houseman, Baker, P
Peter Earle, Shipwright, P

* See Appendix No. 86.

1765. October 23d. Benjamin Underhill, Shopkeeper, P[aid]
Henry Franklin, Shopkeeper, P
Nicholas Killman, Innholder, P
George Bell, Labourer, P
Jacob Ruslaer, Tallow Chandler, P
Alexander Finck Junr., Butcher, P
John Stagg, Baker, P
29th. John Montanje, Baker, R
Walter Cosine, Shopkeeper, R[egistered]
Jacob Shourt, Carpenter, R
James Bennet, Coppersmith, P
John Quackenboss Junr., Baker, R
John Miller, Surgeon, P
Jacob Clock, Carpenter, P
Gilbert Pell, Shipwright, R
Abraham Van Duersen, Tallow Chandler, R
Richard Lewis, Labourer, P
John Duryee Junr., P
Joseph Caverly, Shipwright, P
Henry Peckwell, Schoolmaster, R
John Monat, Cabinetmaker, R
Michael Houseworth, Tobacconist, P
John Taylor, Brazier, R
David Morris, Carpenter, P
Hendrick Horneger, Baker P

1765. October 29th. John Stagg, Bricklayer, P
Teunis Tiebout, Bricklayer, R
Garrit Van Den Berg, Farmer, R[egistered]
David Brown, Taylor, P
Cornelius Ryan, Breeches-maker, P[aid]
John Edward Prior, Carpenter, P
John Stevens, Currier, R
John Arden, Carpenter, R
David Gartner, Taylor, P
John VanHorne, Perukemaker, P
George McKeyser, Labourer, P
David Henry Mellen, Marriner, P
Frederick Ranshier, Cooper, P
William Winterton, Mason, P
Anthony Stonebeek, Cordwainer, P
John Christian Pontuis, Taylor, P
John Brower, Upholster, R
Abraham Kip, Painter, R
Michael Gress, Sadler, P
James Riker, Gentleman, R
Thomas Fisher, Shopkeeper, P
Godfried Brugman, Mason, P
Daniel Forshea, Tobacconist, P
David Gobell, Baker, P
Henry Fasch, Cordwainer, P
Joseph DeVoe Junr., Cordwainer, R

1765. October 29th. Samuel Lawrence, Coachmaker, P[aid]
John Painter, Shopkeeper, P
Philip Acker, Carpenter, P
Mathew Morrill, Stockingweaver, P
Abraham DeLanoy, Bricklayer, R[egistered]
Richard Burt, Blacksmith, P
James Cready, Cordwainer, P
John Thorp, Blacksmith, P
Englebert Kemmena, Chirurgeon, P
Blazey Moore, Tobacconist, P
Jacob Heitz, Labourer, P
Peter Lorilliard, Tobacconist, P
Michael Weaver, Cordwainer, P
John Goodberlet, Taylor, P
David Woolhofter, Turner, P
Henry Ritter, Cordwainer, R
Michael Ritter, Taylor, P
Oliver Miltenburgh, Leather Dresser, R
Cary Dunn, Goldsmith, P
William Waldron, Mason, R
John Shepard, Mason, R
Alexander Ogilvie, Shipwright, R
Stephen Ustick, Carpenter, R
Christian Utt, Leather Dresser, R
Jacob Fay, Cordwainer, P
Anthony Fox, Currier, P
Samuel Bates, Breechesmaker, R

1765. October 29th. Daniel Wiggins, Soap Boiler, P[aid]
Alexander Auxberry, Cordwainer, R[egistered]
James Deas, Perukemaker, P
Peter Poyshart, Blacksmith, P
Elkannah Deane, Coachmaker, P
Nisbet Deane, Hatter, P
Wandle Boise, Baker, P
Christopher Pierce, Cordwainer, R
James Boggs, Cooper, P
James Gromwell, Tailor, P
Michael Van Bueren, Cordwainer, R
Peter Rossell, Cordwainer, R
Edmond Mott, Carpenter, P
Andrew Merrill, Cordwainer, R
Frederick Shoneret, Shopkeeper, P
William Crawford, Soap Boyler, P
Arie Miller, Weaver, P
Joseph Lester, Leather Dresser, P
Charles Miller, Baker, P
John Johnson, Brassfounder, R
David McKindlas, Butcher, R
Tobias Norwood, Cordwainer, R
Mathew Buys, Blacksmith, R
James Farquharson, Shopkeeper, P
Anthony Boulton, Cordwainer, P

1765. October 29th. Oliver Burgiss, House Carpenter, R[egistered]
William Thorne, Taylor, P
James Homan, Shopkeeper, P
John Sullivan, Taylor, P[aid]
James Palmer, Blacksmith, P
Jacob Brown, Carpenter, P
Henry Sickels, Carpenter, P
David Ross, Carpenter, P
George Wilt, Butcher, P
John Piero, Cordwainer, R
William Beekman, Butcher, P
Arie Ryckman, Cordwainer, R
John Myer Junr., Blockmaker, R
Thomas White, Shop Joiner,
November 21st. His Excellency Sir Henry Moore, Baronet, Complimented,*

1766. June 3d. William Bancker, Merchant, R
10th. William Davis, Marriner, Complimented, R†
August 5th. Robert McWilliams, Labourer, P
26th. Abraham Outenbogert, Butcher, R
William Lisk, House Carpenter, October 1st, 1765, R‡

Freemen made and Registered in the Mayoralty Whitehead Hicks, Esqr., Vizt.

October 17th. Fauconnier Valleau, Sadler, P
22d. Isaac Moses, Cordwainer, P (not paid)

* See Appendix No. 87. † See Appendix No. 88. ‡ See Appendix No. 89.

1766.	December 9th.	Coenradt Barnes, Hatter, P
		Hendrick Heyser, Carpenter, P[aid]
1767.	January 13th.	Richard Bancker, Merchant, R[egistered]
	February 20th.	Jasper Stymets, Measurer, R *
	April 14th.	William Crawford, Cooper, P
1768.	January 5th.	James Sacket, Merchant, R
		Abraham D. Revier, Cartman, P
	February 2d.	John Young, Schoolmaster, P
		William I. Elsworth, Pewterer, R
		Bernard DeForeest, Shopkeeper, R
		William Needham, Bricklayer, R
	March 1st.	Benjamin Montanja, Blacksmith, R
		Bernard Gaus, Labourer, P
		Patrick Welch, Labourer, P
		Gifford Dally, Taylor, R
	April 2d.	Leonard Lispenard Junr., Gentleman, R
		Robert Crannell, Marriner, R
	May 4th.	John Armstrong, Perukemaker, R
		Samuel Wall, House Carpenter, P
		Garrit Peterse, Blacksmith,
	5th.	Christopher Johnson, Innholder,
	June 3d.	Charles Giles, Marriner, P†

* See Appendix No. 90.

† See Appendix No. 91.

1768. June 7th. Joseph Reade Junr., Esqr., R[egistered]
Benjamin Kissam, Gentleman, Attorney at Law, R
Benjamin Helme, Gentleman, Attorney at Law, R
Rudolphus Ritzema, Gentleman, Attorney at Law, R
John McKesson, Gentleman, Attorney at Law, R
John Brown, Yeoman, P[aid]
Gilbert Burger, Scrivener, R
Henry Bickers, Hatter, R
Walter Bickers, R
July 5th. Timothy Hutten, Cordwainer, R
William Eagles, House Carter, R
Thomas Eagles, House Carpenter, R
Aaron Aerson, Baker, R
John Clarke, Turner and Chairmaker, R
Charles Mail, Leather Dresser, P
John Child, Sugar Baker, P
Henry Detluif, Labourer, P
Garrit Kip, Baker, R
John Dover, Taylor, P
Francis Travillian, Innholder, P
August 2d. Triamier Baldwin, Carpenter, R
John Forster, Butcher, P
William Normand, Butcher, P
Samuel Falkenham, Leather Dresser, P

1768. August 2d. Robert Allison, Carpenter and Joiner, R[egistered]
3d. Barrack Hays, Vendue Master, R
Jacob Ott, Butcher, P[aid]
Moses Judah, Merchant, R
30th. Abraham Rice, House Carpenter, P
Darling Conrow, Bricklayer, R
Henry Palmer, Blacksmith, P
Jacob Hart, Mason, P
Joseph Dunkley, Painter, P
John Taylor, Innholder, P
Richard Ammarman, Cooper, R
James Reynolds, Cordwainer, R

1769. January 3d. Joseph Pierson, Carpenter, P
John McComb, Bricklayer, P
James Byers, Brass Founder, R
Joseph Meeks, Cordwainer, P
Joseph Meeks Junr., Cordwainer, R
Philip Ebert, Baker, R
Melachi Treat, Surgeon, P
Eleazer McComb, Gentleman, P
Samuel Boyd, Blacksmith, R
William Malcom, Ropemaker, P
William W. Ludlow, Merchant, R
Anthony Lispenard, Gentleman, R
31st. John Marston, Merchant, R
Abraham Montanja, Blockmaker, R

1769. January 31st. John Moore, Merchant, R
Cook Mulligan, Merchant, R
Donald McLean, Surgeon, P
John Taylor, Merchant, R
Samuel Tuder, Marriner, R
William Turner, Marriner, R
James Rivington, Bookseller, P[aid]
Gabriel Wm. Ludlow, Merchant, R[egistered]
George Ludlow, Merchant, R
Joseph Lynsen, Perukemaker, R
John Lamb, Merchant, R
Joseph Allicocke, Gentleman, P
Thomas Henderson, Innholder, P
Ebenezer Hazard, Gentleman, P
Nicholas Hoffman, Gentleman, P
Thomas Duncan, Merchant, R
Anthony L. Bleeker, Gentleman, R
Frederick Barr, Paynter, R
Anthony Post, Carpenter, R
Philip Henning, Surgeon, P
Richard Harris, Clarke, P
Thomas Horsfield, Brewer, P
George Ball, Merchant, R
William Byvanck, Shipwright, R
Evert Bancker, Shopkeeper, R
Anthony Kendall, Marriner, P

1769. January 31st. Stephen Favier, Marriner, R
Thomas Welch, Shopkeeper, P[aid]
Thomas Welch Junr., Shopkeeper, R[egistered]
Thomas Charles Willet, Shopkeeper, P
William Waddle, Merchant, R
Jacob Wilkins, Brass Founder, P
George Lindsay, Stone Cutter, P
Elias Smith, Carpenter, R
Peter DeMaree, Carpenter, R
Thomas Campbell, Potter, R
William Shipman, Shopkeeper, R
Benjamin Bell, Feltmaker, R
William Butler, Scriviner, P
Frederick Bassett, Pewterer, R
Thomas Burling, Cabinetmaker, R
Christopher Bennet, Gentleman, P
Thomas Barclay, Merchant, R
William McDugall, Gentleman, P
Peter Quackenboss, Baker, R
Coenradt Wm. Ham, Baker, R
Richard Herbert, Cordwainer, R
Richard Harison, Gentleman, Attorney at Law, R
Edward Kelly, Marriner, R
John Laboyteaux, Taylor, P

1769. January 31st. John Ramsay, Tanner, P
Samuel Williams, Shopkeeper, R[egistered]
William Campbell, Gentleman, P[aid]
Thomas Collister, Cabinetmaker, R
Robert Sharpe, Stone Cutter, P
Josias Shortvavasen, Marriner, P
Benjamin Stout Junr., Gauger, R
John Marshall, Marriner, R
John Moore, Gentleman, P
Richard LaMersney, Cordwainer, P
Henry Wilmart, Gentleman, P
Robert R. Waddle, Gentleman, P
Peter Willsie, Cordwainer, R
Alexander Wallace, Gentleman, P
Thomas Tucker, Merchant, R
Grove Bend, Shopkeeper, R
Benjamin Booth, Gentleman, P
Peter DeRemier, Goldsmith, R
Smith Ramage, Gentleman, P
John Dawson, Jeweller, P
James Lent, Blacksmith, P
Jacob Hallet, Taylor, R
George Leonard, Butcher, P
John Sawyer, Carpenter, P
Henry Shire, Cartman, P

1769. January 31st. Thomas Steward, Gentleman, P[aid]
Jonathan Skinner, Carpenter, R[egistered]
Jacob Blanck, Carpenter, R
John Blocker, Gentleman, R
George Beck, Butcher, P
Thomas Brownjohn, Druggist, R
Thomas Jackson, Sadler, P
John McGillivrey, Labourer, P
Patrick McDavitt, Gentleman, P
James Gordon, Labourer, P
John Carrow, Cordwainer, R
James Van Brockle, Cartman, R
James Bonnet, Jueller, P
Richard Ray, Merchant, R
James Armstrong, Grocer, P
John Arthur, Gentleman, P
Alexander Patterson, Labourer, P
John Scandlin, Marriner, R
Edward Nicoll Junr., Merchant, R
Stephen Rapalje, Gentleman, R
William Allen, Cordwainer, P
Neal McKenny, Labourer, R
Daniel McDugey, Taylor, P
John Machet Junr., Sadler, R
Thomas Miller, Marriner, P
James Jones, Labourer, P
Adam Todd, Joiner, R
Hendrick Timmerman, House Carpenter, P

1769. January 31st. James Gleen, Taylor, R
Abraham Gouverneur, Trader, R[egistered]
James Slater, Labourer, R
Martin Shire, Cartman, P
Richard Bolton, Innholder, P[aid]
Samuel Bunce, Joyner, R
Gabriel H. Ludlow, Merchant, R
Peter Webbers, Wheelwright, R
Jacob Riper, Cordwainer, R
Eliakim Raymond Junr., Merchant, R
Daniel Ebbets Junr., Paynter, R
Philip Livingston Junr., Gentleman, Attorney at Law, R
Elvin Vallentine, Cordwainer, R
John George Lucum, Butcher, P
William McDermott, Carpenter, R
James Loutherkeene, Gentleman, P
John Brewer, House Carpenter, R
Andries Lardner, Baker, P
Elias Anderson, Wheelwright, R
Gerrardus Hardenbrook, Skinner, R
Michael Tremper, Perukemaker, R
John Herbert, Butcher, P
Abraham Brower, Taylor, R

1769. January 31st. Thomas Wm. Moore, Gentleman, P[aid]
John N. Bogert, Brazier, R
Daniel McCormick, Gentleman, P
Benjamin Jones, Druggist, R
Oliver Templeton, Gentleman, P
John Burrows, Joiner, R
Evert Brown, Blacksmith, R
John Thompson, Shopkeeper, R[egistered]
Samuel Boyer, Perukemaker, R
Crean Brush, Gentleman, P
George Wallgrove, Junr., Cooper, R
Adolph Philipse, Merchant, R
Jonathan Cowdry, Carpenter, P
Henry Spranger, House Carpenter, R
John Clem, Blacksmith, P
James Alner, Feltmaker, R
Alexander Clarke, Weaver, P
Otto Parisien, Silversmith, P
Andries Regler, Butcher, P
Hugh Ross, Cartman, P
George Kline, Baker, P
Frederick William Kecht, Gentleman, P
William Imlay, Merchant, R
Miles Sherbrook, Gentleman, P
Abraham Saunders, Cordwainer, R
Joseph Sherrin, Labourer, P
Hulins Shire, Cartman, R

1769. January 31st. Hamilton Young, Gentleman, P[aid]
John Hunt, Gentleman, R
Peter Hall, Marriner, P
James Hannon, Gardner, R
Joshua Mullock, Gentleman, P
John DeWitt Junr., Wheelwright, R[egistered]
Aaron DeVoe, House Carpenter, R
Nathaniel Tyley, Cordwainer, R
Stephen Terhune, Paynter, P
Henry Edwards, Taylor, P
Marmaduke Forster, Carpenter, R
David Ross, Cartman, R
William Leonard, Baker, P
Thomas Lowrey, Innholder, P
William Parke, Gentleman, P
John Sitcher, Taylor, P
Thomas Ludlow Junr., Merchant, P
Levinus Clarkson, Merchant, R

February 3d. Gerrard G. Beekman Junr., Merchant, R
Simon Van Antwerpe, Sailmaker, R

7th. James Forbes, Innkeeper, P
George Fach, Baker, P
Martin Farrell, Labourer, P
Edward Goold, Gentleman, P
Manassa Salter, Baker, R
Barnardus Smith, Taylor, R

1769. February 7th. Robert Sinclair, Gentleman, P[aid]
Samuel Smith, Gentleman, R
Thomas Crabb, Gentleman, P
Abraham Cannon, Cordwainer, R[egistered]
John Morton, Gentleman, P
John B. Moore, Blockmaker, R
Nicholas Moore, Bricklayer, R
White C. Matlack, Clockmaker, P
Alexander McDougall, Gentleman, R
William Witnel, Collarmaker, P
Adolph Waldron, Baker, R
John Watts, Boatman, P
Jacobus Van Norden, Farmer, R
John Van Dam, Merchant, R
Henry Holland Junr., Merchant, R
John Hopper, Farmer, R
Mathias Hadlenman, Labourer, P
John Haines, Shipwright, P
Jocobus Allgelt, Boatman, R
Lewis Ackerman, Cartman, R
William Lyle, Founder, P
John Lockhart, Printer, P
Burger Provoost, Blacksmith, R
William Irving, Gentleman, P
Wandle Zerbone, Tanner, P
Michael Kip, Cooper, P
John Keily, Scrivener, R

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1769. February 7th. John Barwick, Cartman, R
Alexander Robertson, Gentleman, P[aid]
Robert Robertson, Gentleman, P
Edward Ming, Cooper
8th. Benjamin Seixas, Sadler, R
John Stiles, Practitioner in Physick, P
Benjamin Etting, Goldsmith, R[egistered]
Andrew Hays, Goldsmith, R
John Hamilton, Plasterer, P
Robert C. Livingston, Merchant, R
Richard Cornish, Innholder, P
9th. John Shan, Marriner, P
William Allen, Gunsmith, P
Thomas Royse, Taylor, R
Abraham Brashier Junr., Sadler, R
Peter Bertine, Marriner, R
Nicholas P. Bogert, Marriner, R
William Poole, Perukemaker, R
William Pagan, Gentleman, P
Jacob Vredenburgh, Perukemaker, R
Robert Watts, Merchant, R
Thomas Jones, Gentleman, Attorney at Law, R
Samuel Judah, Merchant, R
Archibald Curry, Gentleman, P
10th. Charles Emery, Marriner,
Walter Thomas, Silversmith,

1769. February 28th. Philip I. Livingston, Gentleman, Attorney at Law, R
Isaac Low, Gentleman, P
Nicholas C. Low, Gentleman, P[aid]
Samuel Dunscomb, Marriner, R[egistered]
Mathew Norwood, Scrivener, R
John Wm. Smith, Gentleman, Attorney at Law, R
Isaac Heron, Watchmaker, P
Philip Brashier, Merchant, R
John D. Crimshier, Gentleman, Attorney at Law, R
Marvin Perry, Watchmaker, R
Jonas Philipse, Retailer, P
David Mathews, Gentleman, Attorney at Law, R
Samuel Jones, Gentleman, Attorney at Law, R
March 21st. James Nixon, Gentleman, P
Robert Hargrave, Surveyor, P
John Houseman, Paynter and Glazier, R
John Warner, Taylor, R
Daniel Fisher, Taylor P
Balthazer Creamer, Hosier, P
Charles Amory, Marriner, R
Walter Thomas, Silversmith, R
June 20th. George Woolrick, Labourer, P
John Cherbacker, Labourer, P
John Kain, Marriner, P

1769. June 20th. Francis Burch, Scrivener, P
John George Crosskoop, Baker, P[aid]
Peter Chapple, Stocking Weaver, P
Daniel Tier, Labourer, P
Jacob Moore, Farmer, P
Ludewick Kranskoop, Farmer, P
John Ries, Farmer, P
John Kelly, Gentleman, P
Joseph Stairer, Perukemaker, P
John Jacob Staple, Sugar Baker, P
Jochem Christian Schultz, Baker, P
Philip Oswald, Baker, P
August 4th. Michael Shrum, Labourer, P
Thomas McCarty, House Carpenter, R[egistered]
September 5th. Robert Place, Marriner, P
Michael Solomon Hays, Watchmaker, R
Vivian Davenport, Gardner, P
Adam Dobbs, Cordwainer, R
James Connelly, Cordwainer, R
11th. Pelatiah Haws Junr., Cooper, P
27th. George Trail, Snuff Maker, P
William Upton, Miller, P
John Mott, Butcher, R
Abraham Cannon, Baker, R
Asher Jones, Cordwainer, R
Isaac Jones, Cooper, R
Thomas Bayeux, Innholder, R

1769. October 3d. Archibald McVickar, Gentleman, P[aid]
31st. John Gillidan, Cooper, R
December 19th. Garret Schotler, Paynter and Glazier, P
1770. January 9th. Gregory Springall, Gentleman, P
David Jones, Gentleman, P
John Bolitho, Distiller, P
John Smallwood, Innkeeper, P
John Watts, Gentleman, P
February 6th. John Clarke, Shagreen Casemaker, P
Daniel Tingley, Marriner, R
Benjamin Moore Junr., Marriner, R[egistered]
Gilbert Forbes, Shopkeeper, R
8th. Abraham Van Wyck, Merchant, R
Mathew Earnest Junr., Merchant, P
Thomas Manning, Cooper, R
John Lawrence, Cooper, R
Elias Stilwell, Cooper, R
Elijah Arnold, Cooper, R
March 6th. John Samler, Sugar Refiner, P
John Bronckhurst, Sugar Refiner, P
April 3d. John Anthony, Cordwainer, R
John Deeling, Shopkeeper, P
John Hardenbrook, Blacksmith, R
Alexander McClean, Yeoman, P
Isaac Sheldon, Marriner, P

1770. April 3d. Alexander McDonald, Innholder, P[aid]
Samuel Ray, Shopkeeper, P
Stephen Van Voorhis, Schoolmaster, P
John Berrian Junr., Marriner, R[egistered]
Thomas Hazard, Shopkeeper, R
Samuel Spencer Skinner, Distiller, P
Ephraim Bostwick, Carpenter, P
Lawrence Brashier, Feltmaker, R
Francis Colegrove, Feltmaker, R
Richard Livingston, Marriner, R
July 24th. Francis Child, Scrivener, R
August 21st. David Johnson, Gentleman, R
James Steward, Marriner, R
Isaac Van Duersen, Blacksmith, R
John Buckstone, Baker, P
John J. Gilbert, Shopkeeper, R
Jonathan Holmes, Shopkeeper, P
Isaac Guion, Surgeon, R
Roger Smith, Taylor, P
James Warner, Blacksmith, R
Hugh McDowel, Baker, R
Jacob Sperry, Gardner, P
Abraham Isaacks, Taylor, P
William Webb, Cooper, P
William Young, Shopkeeper, P

1770. August 21st. John Freeborne, Ship Chandler, P[aid]
Jacob Tyler, Schoolmaster, P
Christian Hipler, Cordwainer, P
William Staple, Shopkeeper, P
William Laight, Merchant, R
James Seaman, Shipwright, P
Abraham Fardon, Scrivener, R[egistered]

September 11th. James Steward, Merchant, R
Joshua Hett Smith, Gentleman, R
William Sidney, Gentleman, R
Thomas Ellison, Gentleman, P
John Schuyler Junr., Merchant, R
James Stiles, House Carpenter, R
Barent Cuyler, Merchant, R
Thomas Bridgen Attwood, Druggist, P
William Seton, Gentleman, P
George Remsen, Shopkeeper, P
Henry Deforeest, Blockmaker, R
Edward Doughty, Shopkeeper, P
John Brandon, Marriner, P
Aaron Bancker, Bricklayer, P
Nathaniel Marriner, Paynter, R
Thomas Stagg, Baker, R
Jacob Van Vincola, Bricklayer, R

1770. September 11th. Jacob Brewerton, Gentleman, R[egistered]
Henry Thomas, House Carpenter, R
John Algea, Marriner, R
Isaac Bancker, Cordwainer, R
Cornelius J. Seabring, Bolter, P[aid]
William Arnold, Ropemaker, P
John Davis, Leather Dresser, R
Martin Foy, Currier, P
John Whiteman Junr., Farmer, R
Alexander Steward Junr., Ship Chandler, R
Rynier Low, Tobacconist, R
George Willis Junr., Bricklayer, R
David Knolton, Cabinetmaker, P
Adrian Stymets, Carpenter, R
Isaac Piper, Cordwainer, R
Richard Halloway, Labourer, R
Edmond Taylor, Cordwainer, R
Richard Moone, Marriner, R
William Crolius, Potter, R
John Dowden, Carpenter, P
Ellis Wool, Heelmaker, R
James Keane, Breeches Maker, R
Patrick Murphy, Labourer, R
David Man, Butcher, R
Thomas Ivers, Ropemaker, P

1770. September 11th. Edward Handly, Innholder, P[aid]
Joshua Hutchins, Butcher, P
John Ousterman, Sugar Baker, R[egistered]
Philip Thompson, Taylor, R
Cornelius Turck, Baker, R
Cornelius Van Sise, Cooper, R
Edward Grant, Labourer, P
James Eteridge, Sadler, P
John Faulkner, Butcher, R
Cornelius Roome, Hatter, R
Malcom McEuen, Pewterer, R
Oliver Waldron, House Carpenter, R
John Kell, Innholder, P
Joseph Randle, Shopkeeper, P
Benjamin Burrows, Cordwainer, R
James Arentz, Perukemaker, R
Henry Ogden, Taylor, R
Alexander Anderson, Joiner, R
Cornelius C. Wynkoop, Shopkeeper, R
James Cobham, Innholder, P
Cornelius DeGrushe, Ropemaker, R
John Rice, Organist, P
Thomas Warner Junr., Chairmaker, R
Henry Riker, Marriner, R
James Willson, Cordwainer, R

1770. September 11th. William Sutton, Ropemaker, R[egistered]
Andrew Van Evera, Blacksmith, R
James Perkins, Farmer, P
John Peter, Gardner, P[aid]
Francis Van Wagenen, Carpenter, R
Thomas Banfield, Cooper, R
John Fitzpatrick, Labourer, R
Thomas Brown, Marriner, R
John Kerby, Innholder, R
William Wood, Gentleman, P
Thomas Barnet, Gentleman, P
William Crossley, Armourer, P
Charles Hadley, Armourer, P
Samuel Roberts, Armourer, P
Christopher Sweedland, Armourer, P
Thomas Austin, Carpenter, P
Joseph Charters, Wheelwright, P
Richard Prickitt, Blacksmith, P
John Ryan, Labourer, P
Evert Van Wagenen, Blacksmith, R
Michael Johnson, Sailmaker, R
Philip Simmons, Perukemaker, P
William Ryneck, Cordwainer, R
Anthony King, Carpenter, R
Jacob DeGroot, Joiner, R
John Hopper, Carpenter, R

1770. September 11th. Joseph Labatoux, Cordwainer, P[aid]
Richard Thomas, Cooper, R
Nicholas Anderson, Labourer, R[egistered]
Benjamin Bussing Junr., Taylor, R
John Romney, Silversmith, R
Benjamin Gilbert, Hatter, R
Henry J. Ryker, Marriner, R
John Ryan Dixon, Marriner, R
Richard Wenman, Upholsterer, R
Richard Norris, Staymaker, P
Aaron Van Hook Junr., Merchant, R
William Corby, Gardner, P
John Hendrick Tier, Labourer, P
Richard Nassau Stephens, Gentleman, P
Jeremiah Goodwin, Carpenter, R
William Day, Cooper, R
Francis Marble, Butcher, P
Adam Finch, Butcher, R
John Fish, Shopkeeper, P
John Craig, Weaver, P
Joseph Beck, Staymaker, P
John Boles, Scrivener, P
James Kierstead, Baker, R
Luke Kierstead, Baker, R
John Francis, Weaver, R
Joseph Meade, Labourer, P
John Hamilton, Cordwainer, R
John Fisher, Tanner, R

1770. September 11th. Peter Hulich, Staymaker, R
Francis Covenhoven, Painter, R[egistered]
George Higby, Farmer, R
John Watson, Cabinetmaker, P[aid]
Garret Lefferts, Shopkeeper, P
Abraham E. Lott, Shopkeeper, P
James Young, Shopkeeper, P
Christopher Miller, Marriner, R
14th. James Waterman, Innkeeper, P
Abraham Van Duersen, Cooper, R
John Man, Cordwainer, R
William Brownjohn Junr., Surgeon, R
October 9th. Daniel Sickles, Cordwainer, R
15th. John Waldron, Carpenter,
27th. John, Earl of Dunmore, Governor of New York, Complimented,*
1771. January 8th. Christopher Duyckinck, Sailmaker, P
Alexander McGinnis, Chocolatemaker, R
Frederick Rhinelander, Shopkeeper, R
March 16th. William Snow Steele, Gentleman, P
April 19th. John Fowler, Innholder, P
May 9th. John Turner, Shopkeeper, P
28th. David Shaddle, Wheelwright, R

* See Appendix No. 93.

1771.	July 15th.	His Excellency William Tryon Esqr., Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of New York, Complimented with his Freedom, enclosing the Seal in a Gold Box, R *
	August 9th.	Peter McLean, Cordwainer, P
1772.	February 4th.	John Rutter, Shipwright, P
	July 21st.	Joseph Willson, Marriner, R
	September 15th.	Joseph Luther Henning, Baker, R[egistered]
	25th.	Thomas Stilwell, Hatter, R
	November 3d.	Donald Drummond, Marriner, P[aid]
	December 8th.	John L. C. Roome, Gentleman, R
1773.	January 26th.	William Wentworth, Scrivener, R
	February 2d.	George Webster, Grocer, P
	3d.	William G. Forbes, Goldsmith, R
	23d.	John Hinde, Cloath Worker, R
		Richard Minifie, Fuller, R
	April 29th.	John Blagge, Gentleman, R †
		Edward Blagge, Gentleman, R
	May 11th.	Francis Sawyer, Wheelwright, R
	June 7th.	His Excellency the Honorable Thomas Gage, Lieutenant-General in his Majesty's Army and Commander-in-Chief of all his forces in North America (Complimented and the Seal Enclosed in a Gold Box), R ‡

* See Appendix No. 94. † See Appendix No. 95. ‡ See Appendix No. 96.

1773. September 22d. Thomas Parsels, Cordwainer, R[egistered]
Peter Elting, Gentleman, R
November 2d. George Dey Bertsyer, Chimney Sweeper, P[aid]
December 7th. John Stout, Baker, R
Jacob Poser, Baker, R
James McCullen, Cooper, R
74. March 3d. John Perry, Gentleman, R
8th. John Buchanan, Marriner, P
Patrick Dennis, Marriner, R
April 7th. Robert R. Livingston, Gentleman (Complimented),*
July 19th. Benjamin James, Gentleman, R
Thomas Stevenson, Gentleman, R
August 2d. William Bell, Breeches Maker, R
3d. John Kelso, Windsor Chairmaker, P
John Betts, Cabinetmaker, R
September 13th. Moses Marden, Innholder, P
14th. Forster Lewis, Innholder, R
November 1st. Christopher Fagenham, Shopkeeper, P
Jacob Lamply, Innkeeper, P
2d. Edward Bardin, Innkeeper, R
15th. Thomas Meredith, Cordwainer, R
December 6th. James Gilliland, Schoolmaster, R
7th. Peter Garson, Compassmaker, R
1775. February 9th. Emmanuel Rinedollar, Taylor, P

* See Appendix No. 98.

1775. February 28th. Charles John Brannon, Innkeeper, P[aid]
March 28th. Thomas Burch, Tinplatemaker, R[egistered]
Lewis Fueter, Goldsmith, R
William Millburne, Shopkeeper, R
John Kingston, Goldsmith, R
Jacob Boshart, House Carpenter, R
Simon Snyder, Stonecutter,
Bryan Conner, Innkeeper, P
Thomas Hartley, Staymaker, R
April 11th. Robert Bell, Taylor, R
Richard Kip, Upholster, R
June 13th. James Seagrove, Gentleman, P
John Shaw, Gentleman, P

[The last session of the Common Council under Colonial rule, was held on Thursday, May 24th., 1776. The civil authority again resumed their functions on Monday, February 9th., 1784, when James Duane took his seat at the Common Council as Mayor of the City.]

City of }
New York. }

At a Common Council, held in the said City, on Tuesday the 9th. Day of March, 1784.

Present:

James Duane; Esquire, Mayor,
Richard Varick, Esquire, Recorder.

The following Laws and Ordinances, for the good rule and government of the inhabitants and residents within the said city, were ordained, made, established and published, and ordered to be printed in one of the pub'ic News Papers, *viz.:*

A Law relative to the admission of Freemen.
Passed March 9, 1784.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the city of New York, convened in Common Council, and it is hereby ordained by the authority of the same, That all and every person or persons hereafter to be made Free of this city (who were not born within this city, or served a regular apprenticeship of seven years with the same) shall pay for the freedom thereof as followeth, to wit: Every merchant, trader or shopkeeper, the sum of Five Pounds of lawful money of the state of New York, including the several fees hereinafter mentioned; And every handicraft tradesman, the sum of Twenty Shillings of like lawful money, for the use of the Corporation, with the follow-

ing fees on being made free, that is to say, Eight Shillings to the Mayor, Six Shillings to the Recorder, Seven Shillings and Six Pence to the Clerk, and One Shilling to the Cryer and Bellringer of the Mayor's court; and that every person hereafter to be made free of this city, that was born or served an apprenticeship within the same, shall pay for being sworn a freeman and registered and a certificate, the sum of Eight Shillings to the Mayor, Seven Shillings and Six Pence to the Clerk, and One Shilling to the Cryer and Bellringer of the Mayor's court.

II. And be it further ordained by the authority aforesaid, That every person hereafter to be made free of this city shall take such oath of allegiance to the state of New York, as now is or hereafter shall be established by law, before the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, and any four or more of the Aldermen, and also the following oath, to wit:

"I ——— do swear, That I, as a Freeman of the city of New York, will be obeisant and obedient to the Mayor, and other Ministers or Peace Officers of the said city; the franchises and customs thereof, I will maintain and keep the said city harmless as much as in me lieth. I will know of no unlawful gatherings, assemblies, or meetings, or of any conspiracies against the peace of the people of the state of New York, but I will warn the Mayor, or other Magistrate thereof, or hinder it to the utmost of my power. All these points and articles I will well and truly maintain and keep according to the laws and customs of the said city. So help me God."

The New York Packet and the American Advertiser, March 18, 1784, *No.* 368.

At a Common Council held the 25th. Day of March, 1784.

The following Persons Residents in this City were

admitted and sworn as Freemen and ordered to be registered, *viz.:*

William Connor, Cartman,
Peter Vouch Junr., Cartman,
James J. Myers, Cartman,
Charles DeBevois, Cartman,
Isaac Kipp, Cartman,
Daniel Lambert, Cartman,
John TenBrock, Cartman,
Francis Gendar, Cartman,
James Connoly, Cartman,
Morris Earle, Cartman,
Isaac Blauvelt, Cartman,
William Godwin, Cartman,
Thomas Staats, Cartman,
John Pearce, Cartman,
Nicholas Hilman, Cartman,
James Myers Junr., Cartman,
John Nenning, Cartman,
Isaac Brower, Cartman,
Adam Wendel, Cartman,
William Patterson, Cartman,
Casparus Blanck, Cartman,
David E. Demarest, Cartman,
James Campbell, Cartman,
John Johnson, Cartman,
Alexander Van Everson, Cartman,
Alexander Dugan, Cartman.
Thomas Dick, Cartman,
Ivy Muckleworth, Cartman,
John C. Philips, Cartman,
Daniel Davenport, Cartman,
Barnaby Bellisle, Cartman,
William Crawford, Cartman,
Nicholas Demarest, Cartman,
Michael All, Cartman,
David Cornwell, Cartman,
Andrew Hamilton, Cartman,

John Rains, Cartman,
Philip Fay, Cartman,
Robert Berwick, Cartman,
John Meckar, Cartman,
Elias Shell, Cartman,
James Blanchard, Cartman,
Thomas Tompkins, Cartman,
Henry Rhinebecker, Cartman,
Thomas Ferdon, Cartman,
John Van Der Hoof, Cartman,
John Leonard, Cartman,
Abraham Van Tuyl, Cartman,
James Collard, Cartman,
Peter Freer, Cartman,
John Van Vasick, Baker,
Alexander Buchannan, Cartman,
Reuben Frazee, Cartman,
John Johnson, Cartman,
James Adams, Cartman,
Daniel Ruchel, Cartman,
Abraham Martling, Cartman,
John Osman, Cartman,
John Ross, Cartman,
Anthony Clauson, Cartman,
James Black, Cartman,
Bartholomew Staats, Silversmith,
Harmanus Staats, Measurer.

At a Common Council held the 30th. Day of March, 1784.

The following Persons were sworn and admitted as Freemen of the City and ordered to be registered, *viz.*:

John Harriot, Cartman,
Peter Peters, Cartman,
William Beekman, Cartman,
John Chambers, Cartman,
Charles Jillard, Cartman,

John Cassady, Cartman,
Samuel Clark, Cartman,
Jonathan Concklin, Cartman,
Peter Hardenbrook, Cartman,
John Hays, Cartman,
James Johnson, Cartman,
John Davenport, Cartman,
James Davenport, Cartman,
Joseph Demarest, Cartman,
Richard Johnson, Cartman,
Caleb Ward, Cartman,
Joseph Ely, Cartman,
Moses Ely, Cartman,
Isaac Halsey, Cartman,
John Valentine, Cartman,
Cornelius Van Der Hoof, Cartman,
Abraham Knickerbacker, Cartman,
John Day, Cartman,
William Smith, Cartman,
James Davis, Cartman,
James Ryckman, Cartman,
Samuel Quackenbos, Cartman,
John Baldridge, Cartman,
Andrew Myers, Cartman,
Abraham Lafoy, Cartman,
Albertus Tiebout, Cartman,
Paulus Banta, Cartman,
Gideon Sprague, Cartman,
Nicholas Grub, Cartman,
Abraham Moore, Cartman,
Harman Van Rypen, Cartman,
Michael Faech, Cartman,
Tunis Dalson, Cartman,
Abraham Day, Cartman,
Thomas Gardner, Cartman,
Matthias Kerby, Cartman,
Jonas Woods, Cartman,
Francis Parsman, Cartman,
Daniel Fagan, Tallow Chandler.

At a Common Council held the 1st. Day of April, 1784.

The following Persons were admitted and sworn as Freemen of the City and ordered to be registered, *viz.*:

Isaac King, Cartman,
Thomas Kelly, Cartman,
David Morgan, Cartman,
Aaron Jenkins, Cartman,
Abraham Ely, Cartman,
William Day, Cartman,
John Porter, Cartman,
Samuel Thistle, Cartman,
Peter Van Orden, Cartman,
Henry Crum, Cartman,
Joseph Deacon, Cartman,
Joseph Hinds, Cartman,
Jacob Bogert, Cartman,
John J. Myers, Gentleman,
George Gillespy, Cartman,
William Waldron, Cartman,
James Carter, Cartman,
David Willis, Cartman,
John M. Tier, Cartman,
Jehiel Ferris, Cartman,
Francis Moore, Cartman,
Moses Egbert, Cartman,
Elias Romine, Cartman,
Matthew Vanderhoof, Cartman,
Peter Westervelt, Cartman,
Jacob Wendel, Cartman.

At a Common Council held the 6th. Day of April, 1784.

The following Persons were admitted and sworn as Freemen of this City and ordered to be registered, *viz.*:

Silvanus Seely, Carpenter,
Ezekiel Crane, Carpenter,

William Campbell, Cartman,
William Ludlam, Cartman,
Michael Sandford, Cartman,
Cornelius Vandenbergh, Cartman,
Enos Tompkins, Cartman,
Nicholas Davison, Cartman,
Stephen Hadley, Cartman,
Nicholas Harry, Cartman,
Andrew Shoe, Cartman,
John Van Dervoort, Cartman,
Nicholas Concklin, Cartman,
Nathaniel Lane, Cartman,
Henry Barns, Cartman,
George Williams, Cartman,
Henry Bloom, Cartman,
Henry Vanderhoof, Cartman,
Isaac Coe, Cartman,
William Hawks, Cartman,
Joseph Keens, Innholder,
Elijah Wedge, Public Cryer,
Walter King, Cartman,
Herman Chapple, Cartman,
Henry Foreman, Cartman,
John Sidman, Cartman,
John Turner, Cartman,
John Fritz, Cartman,
Walter Dougall, Cartman,
Abraham Delameter, Cartman,
Albert G. Bogert, Cartman,
Charles Maston, Cartman,
James West, Cartman,
John Stilwell, Cartman,
William Phillips, Cartman,
Andrew Jennings, Cartman,
John McFall, Cartman,
John Ackerman, Cartman,
Francis Colegrove, Cartman.

At a Common Council held the 15th. Day of April, 1784.

The following Persons were admitted and sworn as Freemen of the City and ordered to be registered, *viz.*:

Abijah Wells, Cartman,
Richard Allison, Cartman,
Ebenezer Hudson, Cartman,
William Mitchel, Cartman,
John Van Orden, Cartman,
John Nuthwait, Cartman,
Jonathan Wheeler, Cartman,
John Brown, Cartman,
George Sparlen, Cartman,
Peter Snyder, Cartman,
James Throckmorton, Cartman,
William Anderson, Cartman,
Epaphras Cook, Cartman,
Edward Fowler, Cartman,
Luke Terboss, Cartman,
William Andem, Cartman,
David Walker, Cartman,
John Heron, Cartman,
Joseph Ransom, Cartman,
John Longtown, Cartman,
William Sloan, Cartman,
John Shaver, Cartman,
William Noble, Cartman,
Robert Giles, Cartman,
Hendrick Bogert Junr., Cartman,
Jonathan Belcher, Cartman,
James Egberts, Cartman,
Robert Thomas, Cartman,
Matthew Musty, Cartman,
John Foot, Cartman,
William Connoly, Cartman,
Elijah Crane, Cartman,
Peter Smith, Cartman,

Abraham Demarest, Cartman,
Philip Jordon, Cartman.

At a Common Council held the 11th. Day of May, 1784.

The following Persons were admitted and sworn as Freemen of this City and ordered to be registered, *viz.*:

Peter Shultz, Cartman,
Henry Birdsall, Cartman,
Cornelius Post, Cartman,
Dirck Brinckerhoff Jun^{r}., Cartman,
Abraham Riker, Cartman,
Matthew Riker, Cartman,
John McGill, Cartman,
Jacob Benschoten, Cartman,
Jacob Storm, Cartman,
Benjamin Horn, Cartman,
Casparus Romine, Cartman,
Peter Bogert, Cartman,
William Davids, Cartman,
William Van Vorst, Cartman,
Ryer J. Ryerse, Cartman,
Abraham Tucker, Cartman,
John Peter Westman, Cartman,
Andrew Van Alen, Cartman,
Jonathan Ross, Cartman,
Cornelius Paulding, Cartman,
Aaron King, Cartman,
James Gibson, Cartman,
Wright Carpenter, Cartman,
William Pierson, Cartman,
Hendrick C. Bogardus, Cartman,
James Patterson, Cartman,
William Davison, Cartman,
James Johnson, Cartman,
Samuel Scudder, Cartman,
John Johnson, Cartman,

Rinier Skaats Junr., Cartman,
David Young, Cartman,
Wilhelmus Van Houten, Cartman,
William Birdsall, Cartman,
Jacob Marselius, Cartman,
Lawrence Buskirk, Cartman,
James Gillespy, Cartman,
Peter Mauritsen, Cartman,
Martin Morrison, Cartman,
John All, Cartman,
Matthew Granger, Cartman,
Izrael Pearsall, Cartman,
Zebadiah Ward, Cartman,
John Foreman, Cartman,
Joseph Russell, Cartman,
Jacob Dalmadge, Cartman,
James Covenhoven, Cartman,
John Bowman, Cartman,
George Allison, Cartman,
Thomas Bushfield, Cartman,
John Purdy, Cartman,
Daniel Ackerman, Cartman,
Malcom Buchannan, Cartman,
John Turner, Cartman.

At a Common Council held the 14th. Day of May, 1784.

The following Persons were admitted and sworn as Freemen of this City and ordered to be registered, *viz.:*

John H. Sleght, Merchant,
Benjamin Thorn, Carpenter,
James Stitt, Cartman,
Hendrick Bartholf, Cartman,
Matthew Cunningham, Cartman,
Daniel Perrine, Cartman,
Archibald Locke, Cartman,

John Simmons, Cartman,
Peter Quackenboss, Cartman,
Samuel Hutchins, Cartman,
Peter DuBois, Cartman,
Jonathan Miller, Cartman,
Hugh Lindsay, Cartman,
John Retan, Cartman,
Angus Sutherland, Cartman,
William Sandford, Cartman,
John Ernest, Cartman.

City of New York } ss.

JAMES DUANE, Esquire,
L. S. MAYOR,

And the ALDERMEN of the City of NEW YORK.

To all to whom these Presents shall come, send Greeting:

KNOW YE, That Lawrence Goetz, Blacksmith, is admitted, received and allowed a FREEMAN and CITIZEN of the said City; to Have, Hold, Use and Enjoy all the Benefits, Privileges, Franchises and Immunities whatsoever, granted or belonging to the said City. IN TESTIMONY whereof, the said Mayor and Aldermen have caused the Seal of the said City to be hereunto affixed. WITNESS JAMES DUANE, Esquire, Mayor, the twenty-fifth Day of May in the Year of our Lord 1784, and of the Sovereignty and Independence of the State the eighth.

Jas. Duane.

By order of the Mayor
and Aldermen.

Robt. Benson, Clk.

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At a Common Council held the 2d. Day of June, 1784.

The following Persons were admitted and sworn as Freemen of this City and ordered to be registered, *viz.:*

James Valentine, Cartman,
Jeremiah DuBois, Cartman,
David Pierson, Cartman,
John Owen, Cartman,
Henry Stiles, Cartman,
Nathan June, Cartman,
Cornelius Tharp, Cartman.

At a Common Council held the 16th Day of June, 1784.

Peter Sypher, Cartman, was admitted and sworn a Freeman of this City and ordered to be registered according.

At a Common Council held the 30th. Day of June, 1784.

The following Persons were admitted and sworn as Freemen and ordered to be registered, *viz.:*

William Snyder, Baker,
Daniel Shaffer, Tobacconist,
Simon Losee, Labourer,
Valentine Vaughan, Labourer.

At a Common Council held the 7th. Day of July, 1784.

Benjamin Westervelt, Cartman, was admitted and sworn as a Freeman of the City and ordered to be registered.

At a Common Council held the 21st. Day of July, 1784.

Thomas Peet and Richard Wheeler were sworn and admitted as Freemen of the City and ordered to be registered.

At a Common Council held the 26th. Day of August, 1784.

The following Persons were admitted and sworn as Freemen of the City, *viz.:*

John Clark, Shoemaker,
Israel Knapp, Carpenter.

At a Common Council held the 1st. Day of September, 1784.

Ichabod Steinbrach, } Cartmen,
John Snyder, }

were admitted and sworn as Freemen and ordered to be registered.

At a Common Council held the 11th. Day of September, 1784.

Present:

James Duane Esq^{r}., Mayor,
Richard Varick Esq^{r}., Recorder.

Ordered that five respectful Addresses from this Corporation be presented with the Freedom of this City in Gold Boxes, one to his Excellency the Governor George Clinton, one to his Excellency General Washington, one to the Honourable John Jay Esq^{r}., one to the Honourable the Marquis De La Fayette, and one to Major General Baron Steuben, and that Mr. Mayor and Mr. Recorder prepare and report the addresses, and that Alderman Gilbert,

Mr. Johnson, and Mr. Phœnix direct the making of the Gold Boxes * accordingly.

Mr. Mayor informed the Board that as the Marquis De La Fayette would depart this City in a day or two he had prepared the draft of an Address to him, as also of the Certificate of his Freedom of this City, which were read and approved by the Board in the Words following, *viz.:*

"*To the Right Honourable the* MARQUIS DE LA FAYETTE, *Marechal de Camp of the Armies of His Most Christian Majesty and Major General in the Service of the United States of America.*

Sir: We the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York are Happy in the Opportunity which your presence affords us of giving you a public Testimony of our Esteem.

It is with peculiar Pleasure we welcome you to a Place the repossession of which was so long a principal object of those Wishes and Efforts in which you so zealously participated. The early and adventurous Part you took in the Revolution, and the essential Services which you have rendered in different Situations, will ever endear you to those to whom the Rights of America are Dear.

Altho', Sir, we are persuaded, that in the affections of a free People, you will find the most pleasing Tribute to your distinguished Merits, We beg leave, as a Token of *our* peculiar Regard, to present you with the *Freedom* of this City; and to assure you, that we feel ourselves deeply interested in your Happiness and Prosperity.

By order of the Common Council.

Jas. Duane, Mayor.

New York,
September 11th., 1784.

* At a Common Council held November 11th., 1784, a warrant was issued to Samuel Johnson for £58,7 for two Gold Boxes. December 8th., 1784, a warrant for £56,10,4 for two Golden Boxes.—*City Records.*

City of New York. } ss.

Whereas:

James Duane Esq^r., Mayor, the Recorder, Aldermen, and Assistants of the City of New York in Common Council convened. To all to whom these Presents shall come. Send Greeting.—Whereas the Right honourable *The Marquis De La Fayette* Marechal de Camp of the armies of his most Christian Majesty and Major General in the service of the United States of America, by the early and adventurous Part which he took in the late Revolution, by which the Liberties and Independence of the United States are happily established, and the essential Services he hath performed in different Situations, hath endeared himself to all to whom the Rights of America are Dear, and we being desirous of giving him a public Testimony of our Esteem and of our high Sense of his distinguished Merit and essential Services: Be it therefore known to all whom it may concern, that the said Marquis de la Fayette is by these Presents admitted and received a Freeman and Citizen of the City of New York in the State of New York in America. In Testimony *Whereof*, We cause the public Seal of the said City to be hereinto affixed.

Witness James Duane Esq^r., Mayor of the said City, this fourteenth Day of September in the Year of our Lord 1784, and of the Independence of the State the ninth.

James Duane.

By order of the Common Council.

Robt. Benson, Clk.

At a Common Council held the 15th. Day of September, 1784.

The Members having waited on the Right Hon-

ourable the Marquis de la Fayette with the Address of the Corporation, Mr. Mayor laid on the table the Marquis's answer, which was read, and is in the words following:

To the Honourable the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York.

While I am honoured with so flattering marks of your esteem, it is a peculiar gratification to me to receive them in this City, where with delight I see the triumphant restoration of the American flag.

Amidst hardship of war, which so heavily fell upon you, it has been your noble task to give the world an example of disinterestedness and fortitude. To unite with you, in common efforts and common wishes, became my fortunate lot; and altho' from a powerful co-operation then in readiness, we had a right to expect the re-possession of New York, yet did I feel much happier in the far better method, by which the end of your exile was made a signal for restored peace.

In the precious testimonies of your partiality now afforded me, I most pleasingly enjoy the new tie that connects me with this City; and while I ardently share with you in every concern for its prosperity, I beg leave to assure you that the warmth of my zeal can only be equalled by the feelings of my respect and gratitude.

William Hope was admitted and sworn as a Freeman of the City and ordered to be registered.

At a Common Council held the 20th. Day of September, 1784.

The Mayor informed the Board that his Excellency the Governor was returned to this city, and that according to order the Recorder and himself had prepared an Address to his Excellency, together with a Certificate of the Freedom of this City, which were

read and unanimously approved by this Board, and are as follows, *viz.:*

To His Excellency
GEORGE CLINTON, Esquire,

Governor of the State of New York, &c., &c., &c.

The Respectful Address of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York.

May it please your Excellency:

We the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York congratulate your Excellency on your return to this metropolis from the western frontier.

The uprightness of your conduct, your uniform zeal for the public good, and the important part, both in the field and in the Senate, which you have acted in vindicating the liberties of America, have justly elevated you to a high place in the confidence and esteem of your country.

Permit us then to embrace this opportunity of uniting our applause to those of other public bodies, who have already paid their tribute to your merit, and be pleased to accept of the Freedom of this City, now respectfully presented, as a testimony of our high sense of your services, of our affectionate regard to your person, and of our earnest wishes for your domestic happiness, and the tranquillity of your administration.

By Order of the Common Council.
James Duane, Mayor.

City of New York. } ss.

By James Duane Esquire, Mayor, the Recorder, Aldermen, and Assistants of the City of New York in Common Council convened.

To all People to whom these Presents shall come

or may in any wise concern, Greeting. Whereas His Excellency George Clinton Esquire, Governor of the State of New York, by the Uprightness of his Conduct, by his uniform Zeal for the public Good, and by the important Part, in the Field and in the Senate, which he hath acted in vindicating the Liberties and establishing the Independence of America, justly possesses a high Place in the Confidence and Esteem of his Country: Now know ye that we being desirous to unite our applause to those of other public Bodies who have already paid their Tribute to his distinguished Merit, to manifest our affection for his Person, and to perpetuate the just Sense which we entertain of his important Services, Have admitted and received, and by these Presents Do admit and receive His said Excellency George Clinton Esquire to be a Freeman of the said City of New York, To hold, exercise and enjoy all the Rights, Privileges, Advantages, and Immunities to the Freemen of the said City incident and appertaining. In Testimony Whereof, We have caused the public Seal of the said City to be hereunto affixed and enclosed in a Golden Box. Witness James Duane Esquire, Mayor of the said City, this twenty-second Day of September in the Year of our Lord 1784, and of the Independence of the State the ninth.

James Duane.

By order of the Common
Council.

Robt. Benson, Clk.

Ordered, That Aldermen John Broome and William Neilson wait on his Excellency to know when and where he will be pleased to receive this Board with the said Address.

That they inform the Mr. Mayor of his Excellency's answer, and that Mr. Mayor convene the members to wait on his Excellency accordingly.

At a Common Council held the 24th. Day of September, 1784.

The Mayor, Recorder, and the other members of the Board having waited on his Excellency the Governor on Wednesday last [September 22d.] with their Address, the Answer which his Excellency had been pleased to make thereto was read in the words following, *viz.*:

Gentlemen:

Be pleased to accept of my warmest acknowledgements for your very polite and affectionate address.

If my attempts to serve my country have contributed to the happiness of my constituents, I could not meet a reward which I more highly esteem, than their confidence and approbation; and permit me to assure you, that the pleasure I now experience in receiving this honourable testimony of your favourable opinion of my public conduct, and regard for my person, is greatly enhanced, when I reflect that it is to your wisdom we are so much indebted for the tranquillity and good order which prevails in this metropolis.

Geo. Clinton.

At a Common Council held the 2d. Day of October, 1784.

Mr. Mayor informed the Board that the Honourable John Jay Esq^r. was returned to this city, and that according to order he and Mr. Recorder had prepared the Draft of an Address from this Corporation to Mr. Jay, and also the Certificate of his Freedom of this City, which were read and unanimously approved of by the Board and are as follows, *viz.*:

To the Honourable John Jay Esquire, late one of the Ministers Plenipotentiary of the United States of America for negotiating a Peace.

Sir:

Be pleased to accept the Congratulations of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, on your safe Return to the place of your Nativity.*

The Revolution which hath secured our Liberties and Independence, will not be more celebrated for the illustrious Events which have marked its Progress, than for the Roll of Statesmen and Heroes, by whose Wisdom and Valour, under the Divine Favour, it hath been established on the most solid basis.

Among these worthy Patriots, you, Sir, are highly distinguished—in our own Convention—in our first Seat of Justice—as a member and as President of the United States in Congress assembled—and as a Minister Plenipotentiary, both in Spain and France—you have executed the important Trusts with Wisdom, Firmness, and Integrity, and have acquired universal applause.

While you thus possess the nations Confidence and Esteem for a series of eminent Services, We, your fellow Citizens, feel a singular Pleasure in embracing this Opportunity to present you with the Freedom of your native City, as a public Testimony of the respectful Sentiments we entertain towards you, and as a Pledge of our affection, and of our sincere Wishes for your Happiness.

By order of the Common Council.

James Duane, Mayor.

* On Saturday the 24th. of July, the ship Edward, Capt. Henry Coupar, arrived at this port from London, in seven weeks and two days. In her the Hon. John Jay, Esq., his Lady and family; Philip Livingston, Esq.; and several other gentlemen came passengers.—*The New York Packet, July 26th.*, 1784, *No.* 405.

Last week the Honourable John Jay, Esq., came to this City from the Family-Seat at Rye, and on Monday, the 4th. instant, received the Addresses from the Corporation.—*The New York Packet, Thursday, October 7th.*, 1784, *No.* 426.

City of New York. } ss.

By James Duane Esquire, Mayor, and the Recorder, Aldermen and Assistants of the City of New York in Common Council convened.

To all People to whom these Presents shall come or concern, Greeting.

Whereas, the glorious Revolution which hath secured our Liberties and Independence will not be more celebrated for the illustrious Events which have marked its Progress than for the Roll of Statesmen and Heroes by whose Wisdom and Valour, under the Divine Favour, it hath been established on the most solid Basis. And whereas, among these worthy Patriots the Honourable John Jay Esquire is highly distinguished, having in our own Convention—in our first Seat of Justice—as a Member and as President of the United States in Congress assembled, and as a Minister Plenipotentiary both in Spain and France, executed the important Trusts committed to him, with Wisdom, Firmness, and Integrity; and thus by a series of eminent Services obtained the national Confidence and Esteem and universal Applause.

Now, therefore, know ye that We, feeling a singular Pleasure in paying a just Tribute to the Merits of the said John Jay our fellow Citizen, Have received and admitted, and by these Presents Do receive and admit him to be a Freeman of his native City, To hold, exercise and enjoy all the Rights, Privileges, Advantages, and Immunities to the Freedom of the said City, incident or appertaining as a public Testimony of the respectful Sentiments we entertain towards him, and as a Pledge of our affection and our sincere wishes for his Happiness and Prosperity. In Testimony Whereof We have caused the public Seal of the said City to be hereunto affixed, and these Presents to be enclosed in a Golden Box.* Witness James Duane Esq^r., Mayor

* The gold box, ornamented with the arms of the city, is now in the possession of his grandson, John C. Jay, of Rye, N. Y.

of the said City, this 2d. Day of October in the Year of our Lord 1784, and of the Sovereignty and Independence of the State of New York the ninth.

James Duane.

By order of the Common
Council.
Robt. Benson, Clk.

Ordered that Aldermen Lott, Gilbert, and Ivers wait on Mr. Jay to know when and where he will be pleased to receive this Board with the said Address. That they inform Mr. Mayor of his answer, and that Mr. Mayor convene the Members to wait on him accordingly.

Monday Noon, October 4th., 1784.

Mr. Mayor having convened the Members of this Corporation they proceeded to wait on Mr. Jay with their Address, to which he was pleased to make the following answer :

To the Worshipful the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City New York.

Gentlemen :

Accept my warmest Thanks for your affectionate Congratulations on my Return to my native Country ; and for the particular Mark of Approbation with which you have honoured my Endeavours to do my Duty in promoting its Welfare. I consider the Day on which I again landed on these Shores as one of the happiest with which an indulgent Providence has blessed me ; and that Satisfaction was increased by finding my Fellow Citizens in the Enjoyment of public Tranquillity and private Security, under the auspices of Magistrates who had given early Proofs of attention to both.

I cannot omit this Opportunity of offering to you, Gentlemen, my Congratulations on our having attained

the Objects of a War, in the Course of which America in general, and this Part of it in particular, displayed exemplary magnanimity and Perseverance; and exhibited to the World the singular Spectacle of a patriot army of Citizens, peaceably retiring with their great and good Chief, crowned with Laurels and the Blessings of the People, to fill the various Stations of private Life.

If we cultivate the Virtues and observe the Policy requisite in Peace, with the attention paid to those which (with the Blessings of Heaven) gave Success to the War—If our Views be national—our Union preserved—our Faith kept—War, however improbable, provided for—knowledge diffused—and our federal Government rendered efficient, we cannot fail to become a great and happy People.

This being a Land of Light and Liberty, I bless God that it is the Land of my Nativity. Here my Forefathers from France after the revocation of the Edict of Nantes A.D. 1684, sought and found Freedom and Toleration. I am bound to it by the strongest Ties, and as its Happiness has been the first Object of my Endeavours from early Life, so the most fervent Wishes for its Prosperity shall be among those of my latest hours.

John Jay.

At a Common Council held the 8th. Day of October, 1784.

Mr. Mayor produced the Draft of an Address to Baron Steuben, as also a Certificate of his Freedom of this City, which were respectively read and agreed to by the Board, and are in the words following, *viz.:*

To the Honourable FREDERICK WILLIAM, BARON de STEUBEN, late Major General and Inspector General of the Armies of the United States of America.

The Address of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York.

In offering testimonials of the respect of this Corporation for individuals who have distinguished themselves in our happy revolution, we cannot be unmindful of the merits of the Baron de Steuben.

We recollect with pleasure, Sir, among other important services which you have rendered, that to your well directed efforts this country is essentially indebted for the introduction of that system into our military establishments, on which the reputation and success of our arms so much depended. The battle of Monmouth soon after the commencement of your labours, and every subsequent event of the late war, are memorable proofs of the utility of that system *in the field*, and the records of Congress bear testimony in how great a degree it contributed to promote the interests of *national œconomy*.

As a public mark of the sense we entertain of your services, and of our esteem for you personally, we present you with the *Freedom* of the city, within the limits of which you have chosen your residence. We shall only add, that the interest we take in your happiness dictates our warmest wishes, that you may experience from the citizens of the State *at large* every species of distinction and acknowledgment, which can contribute to render that residence agreeable.

By order of the Common Council.

James Duane, Mayor.

City of New York. } ss.

By James Duane Esquire, Mayor, and the Recorder, Aldermen and Assistants of the City of New York in Common Council convened.

To all People to whom these Presents shall come or concern, Greeting.

Whereas the honourable Frederick William Baron de Steuben, Major General and Inspector General of the Armies of the United States of America, among other individuals who have distinguished

themselves in our happy Revolution, hath rendered important service, and this Country is more especially indebted to his well directed Efforts for the Introduction of that System into our Military Establishment, on which the Reputation and Success of our Arms so much depended; the Battle of Monmouth soon after the Commencement of his Labours, and every subsequent Event of the late War, being memorable Proofs of the Utility of that System in the Field; and the Records of Congress bearing Testimony in how great a Degree it contributed to promote the Interests of National Œconomy. Now therefore Know Ye that WE, being mindful of the distinguished Merit of the said Baron de Steuben, Have received and admitted, And by these Presents Do receive and admit, the said Baron de Steuben to be a Freeman of the said City within the Limits of which he hath chosen his Residence, to hold, exercise, and enjoy all the Privileges, Advantages, and Immunities to the Freedom of the said City incident and appertaining as a publick mark of the Sense WE entertain of his Services, of our Esteem for him personally, and of the Interest WE take in his Happiness. In Testimony whereof WE have caused the public Seal of the said City to be hereunto affixed and these Presents to be enclosed in a Golden Box.* Witness James Duane Esquire, Mayor of the said City, this eleventh Day of October in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-four, and of the Independence of the State of New York the ninth.

Jas. Duane.

By Order of the Common
Council.
Robt. Benson, Cl'k. [L. S.]

From the original in possession of the New York Historical Society.

Ordered, That Aldermen Neilson, Broome and Mr. TenEyck wait on the Baron to know when and where

* The gold box was presented by Baron Steuben to Major William North; it is now in possession of his granddaughter, Mrs. Francis B. Austin, of this city.

he will receive the said Address. That they inform Mr. Mayor of his answer, and that Mr. Mayor convene the Members to wait on him accordingly.

Monday, the 11th. Day of October, 1784.

Mr. Mayor having convened the Members of the Corporation, they proceeded to wait on the Baron de Steuben with their Address, to which he was pleased to make the following answer, *viz.:*

To the Honourable the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York.

Gentlemen:

The flattering testimonials you have condescended to give me of your esteem, and the kind approbation with which you have been pleased to reward my well meant endeavours to render services to America in the late arduous contest, inspire me with a gratitude more easily felt than expressed.

It is not surprising, however flattering it may be to me, that my services, whatever they may have been, should be recollected by so important and respectable a part of the community, which has never ceased to remember those of their own officers by whom I have been so effectually assisted. To the abilities and merit of the officers, and the singular docility of the soldiers, with whom I had the honour to serve, America is in the highest degree indebted for that discipline, order and œconomy which finally distinguished her army. To none is she more obliged than to those of this State; and I am happy in having this opportunity of acknowledging how much I am indebted to them, for the success of the system it became my duty to propose.

I accept with the most lively sense the honour conferred on me by this mark of personal attention; if

anything could add to its value, it would be enhanced by the manner of your bestowing it.

The proofs I have had of the esteem of the inhabitants of this city, have convinced me that I have made a happy choice in fixing on my place of rest from my military labours. It will be my highest ambition to deserve the honour of being enrolled among them, possessing the good opinion of my fellow citizens and their worthy magistrates, I can with more confidence anticipate the friendship of those of the State at large, for whose prosperity I shall ever most gratefully and sincerely pray.

I have the honour to be, with the greatest respect, Gentlemen :

Your obedient Servant,

Steuben.

At a Common Council held the 20th. Day of October, 1784.

The following Persons were admitted and sworn as Freemen of this City and ordered to be registered, *viz.* :

Hezekiah Van Keuren, Cartman,
John Crawson, Cartman,
Abraham Brower, Cartman,
John Terhune, Cartman,
George Miller, Cartman,
Anthony Ford, Cartman.

At a Common Council held the 2d. Day of December, 1784.

Mr. Mayor, according to order, presented the Draft of an Address from this Corporation to his Excellency General Washington, also the Draft of a Certificate of his Excellency being admitted to the Freedom of this City, which he read and laid upon the table, and the same being again respectively read were unani-

mously approved of and agreed to by the Board, and are in the words following, *viz.:*

To His Excellency George Washington, late General and Commander in Chief of the Armies of the United States of America.

The respectful Address of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York in Common Council convened.

Sir:

When this City after its Restoration (25th. November, 1783) had the Honour of your Excellency's Presence, it was regretted that the Derangement of its Institutions suspended those public Testimonials of Respect, Gratitude, and Applause which every Heart, truly American, is solicitous to pay to your distinguished Merits and Services. The Corporation, since organized, resolved to embrace proper opportunity to manifest the exalted Sense which they entertain of both; and are happy that your Approach to the vicinity of this State will put it in their Power to carry that Resolution into effect.

The Effusions of public Esteem are the most welcome Tribute to a patriot Mind, and as none can have greater Reason to cherish the most honourable and affectionate Sentiments towards you than the Citizens of the State of New York, so we have the fullest Confidence that there is no State in which they are more generally and emphatically felt. Flattering ourselves that you are convinced of this Truth, we are led to hope that it may not be displeasing to you to have your name enrolled among the Citizens of a Metropolis for the Recovery of which so much of your Care and Solicitude have been employed.

On the present Occasion we would wish to convey to your Excellency a just Idea of the Admiration we feel for the Virtues you have displayed in the late Revolution: But Justice to the illustrious Part you have

acted would oblige us to adopt that strong Language of Panegyrick which we fear would wound the Delicacy for which you are conspicuous. We shall therefore only indulge ourselves so far as to observe that it is your Glory, thro' all the vicissitudes and embarrassments of a Revolution, thro' alternate Scenes of prosperous and adverse Fortune, never to have known a Moment when you did not possess the full Confidence and Esteem of your Country; and after having, by the Divine Favour, most essentially contributed to establish the Liberty and Independence of thirteen Republicks, it is your peculiar Glory to have chearfully retired from the Head of a victorious Army to the modest station of a private Citizen.

Permit us to add our fervent Prayer that your Excellency, in just Reward of such eminent Services and Virtues, may be crowned with every Blessing which a grateful Country and indulgent Heaven can bestow.

City of New York. } ss.

By James Duane Esquire, Mayor, and the Recorder and Aldermen of the City of New York.

To all to whom these Presents shall come or may concern, Greeting.

Whereas His Excellency George Washington, late Commander in Chief of the Armies of the United States of America, by a series of the most illustrious Services is entitled to the Respect, Gratitude, and Applause of every Heart which is truly American; And as none can have greater Reason to cherish the most honourable and affectionate Sentiments towards him than the Citizens of the State of New York: So we have the fullest Confidence that there is no State in which they are more generally and emphatically felt. Flattering ourselves that, convinced of this Truth, His Excellency may be pleased to have his name enrolled among the Citizens of a Metropolis for the

Recovery of which so much of his Care and Solicitude have been employed: Now therefore know ye that we, considering that Effusions of public Esteem are the most welcome Tribute to a patriot mind, have admitted and received, and by these Presents Do admit and receive, his said Excellency to be a Freeman and Citizen of the said City.

To hold, exercise, and enjoy all the Rights, Privileges, and Immunities to the Freedom and Citizenship of the said City incident and appertaining as a permanent Proof of the admiration we feel for his exalted Virtues, for the Wisdom, Fortitude, and Magnanimity which he had so gloriously displayed thro' all the Vicissitudes and Embarrassments, thro' all the alternate Scenes of prosperous and adverse Fortune, produced in the Progress of an arduous and difficult War. And finally for that patriotic Heroism which, after having been an essential Instrument in giving by the Divine Blessing, Liberty and Independence to thirteen Republicks, hath led him to retire with Chearfulness from the Head of a victorious Army to the modest Station of a private Citizen.

In Testimony of these Truths and to perpetuate them to our remotest Posterity, we the said Mayor, Recorder, and Aldermen have caused these Presents to be entered on our public Records, and our common Seal of the said City, enclosed in a golden Box, to be hereunto affixed. Witness James Duane Esq^{r}., Mayor of the said City, this 2d. Day of December in the Year of our Lord 1784, and of the Independence of the State the ninth.

Ordered that the said Address and Certificate be engrossed, that Mr. Mayor subscribe the Address on behalf of this Corporation, and that the common Seal of this Corporation be affixed to the said Certificate; and that Mr. Mayor, who is going to Philadelphia on public business, be requested in the name of this Corporation to present the said Address and Certificate, with the golden Box, to his Excellency, who is expected

at that place, otherwise that Mr. Mayor transmit the same to his Excellency by such conveyance as he may conceive most proper.

At a Common Council held the 18th. Day of January, 1785.

John Paine,
Robert Smith,
Michael Gates,
Jacob Day,
William White,

were admitted and sworn as Freemen of this City and ordered to be registered accordingly.

At a Common Council held the 29th. Day of January, 1785.

John Dunlap, Cartman,
John Kip, Cartman,
Joseph Forbes, Cartman,
Josiah Concklin, Cartman,
George Aerlich, Cartman,
Uzziah Coddington, Cartman,
John Smith, Cartman,
Robert Smith, Cartman,

were severally sworn as Freemen of this City and ordered to be registered.

At a Common Council held the 9th. Day of March, 1785.

John Van Winckel, Bricklayer, and
Joseph Cheesemen, Bricklayer,

were admitted and sworn as Freemen of this City and ordered to be registered.

At a Common Council held the 5th. Day of April. 1785.

John Helsman, Tobacconist, sworn and admitted a Freeman of this City and ordered to be registered accordingly.

At a Common Council held the 6th. Day of April, 1785.

William Bussing,
Aaron Banta,
Michael Sandford,
} Cartmen,

were admitted and sworn Freemen of this City and ordered to be registered.

At a Common Council held the 11th. Day of April, 1785.

Jacob Shearman, Cartman,
William Rutledge, Carpenter,

were admitted and sworn as Freemen of this City and ordered to be registered.

At a Common Council held the 20th. Day of April, 1785.

John Harvey,
Isaac Woolcoks,
Daniel Demaray,
Saml. Arnett,
James Hulet,
} Cartmen,

were sworn and admitted as Freemen of this City and ordered to be registered.

At a Common Council held the 30th. Day of April, 1785.

Abraham Ackerman, Cartman,
Isaac Stagg, Shoemaker,
were sworn and admitted Freemen of this City and ordered to be registered.

At a Common Council held the 2d. Day of May, 1785.

Present James Duane Esq^r., Mayor.

Mr. Mayor produced to the Board a Letter from his Excellency General Washington covering his answer to the Address of the Corporation of the 2d. of December last, which answer is in the words following, *viz.:*

To the Honourable the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York.

Gentlemen:

I received your Address, and the freedom of the City with which you have been pleased to present me in a golden Box, with the sensibility and gratitude which such distinguished honours have a claim to. The flattering expression of both, stamps value on the acts; and call for stronger language than I am master of, to convey my sense of the obligation in adequate terms.

To have the good fortune amidst the vicissitudes of a long and arduous contest "never to have known a moment when I did not possess the confidence and esteem of my Country"—And that my conduct should have met the approbation, and obtained the affectionate regard of the State of New York (where difficulties were numerous and complicated), may be ascribed more to the effect of divine wisdom, which had disposed the minds of the people, harassed on

all sides, to make allowances for the embarrassments of my situation, whilst with fortitude and patience they sustained the loss of their Capitol, and a valuable part of their territory—and to the liberal sentiments, and great exertion of her virtuous Citizens, than to any merit of mine.

The reflection of these things now, after the many hours of anxious sollicitude which all of us have had, is as pleasing, as our embarrassments at the moments we encountered them, were distressing—and must console us for past sufferings and perplexities.

I pray that Heaven may bestow its choicest blessings on your City—That the devastations of War, in which you found it, may soon be without a trace. That a well regulated and beneficial Commerce may enrich your Citizens.—And that, your State (at present the Seat of the Empire) may set such examples of wisdom and liberality, as shall have a tendency to strengthen and give permanency to the Union at home—and credit and respectability to it abroad. The accomplishment whereof is a remaining wish, and the primary object of all my desires.

G°. Washington.

Ordered that the said address and answer be published.*

At a Common Council held the 20th. Day of May, 1785.

* The Address of the Corporation to General Washington (see December 2d., 1784) and his reply to the same appeared in *London's New York Packet*, of Monday, May 9th., 1785, with the following prefatory note: "The following Address was prepared to have been presented to his Excellency General Washington, when he was expected in the neighbourhood of this City: But, as the visit did not take place, it was transmitted to his seat at Mount Vernon, and the Corporation have been honoured with the following answer." The letter of Washington has been reproduced in fac-simile for the Manual of the Common Council for 1870.

The Common Council, January 18th., 1785, issued a warrant for £45.16 to pay William W. Gilbert for a "Golden Box" to enclose the freedom presented to Washington.

A fac-simile of Washington's reply was printed in the Corporation Manual for 1870.

Harmanus Blauvelt, } Cartmen,
Jesse Danielson, }
were admitted and sworn Freemen of this City and ordered to be registered.

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At a Common Council held the 25th. Day of May, 1785.

Peter Van Houten, Cartman,
James Smith, Cartman,
John Bishop, Cartman,
Barnet Nagel, Cartman,
Gerrit Smith, Cartman,
Isaac Kipp, Cartman,
John Dusenbury, Cartman,
John Mills, Shoemaker,
were severally admitted and sworn Freemen of this City and ordered to be registered.

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At a Common Council held the 13th. Day of July, 1785.

William Hamilton, Merchant,
Hercules Wendover, Cartman,
Francis Gains, Cartman,
were severally admitted and sworn as Freemen of this City and ordered to be registered.

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At a Common Council held the 19th. Day of October, 1785.

David Demares, Cartman,
Nathaniel Guyon, Cartman,
John Bogardus, Cartman,
George Brown, Cartman,
William Post, Cartman,

John Varick, Cartman,
John Montanye, Cartman,
were severally admitted and sworn as Freemen of this City and ordered to be registered.

At a Common Council held the 28th. Day of December, 1785.

John Craig,
James Van Blaricum,
Joshua Williams,
John Cunningham,
} Cartmen,

were admitted and sworn Freemen of this City and ordered to be registered.

At a Court of General Sessions of the Peace, held the 7th. Day of February, 1786.

Philip Jacob Arcularius, of the City of New York, Tanner, admitted and sworn as a Freeman of the said City and ordered to be registered.

A LAW RELATIVE TO THE ADMISSION OF FREEMEN.

BE IT ORDAINED, *by the* Mayor, Aldermen *and* Commonalty *of the* City *of* New York, *in Common Council convened, and it is hereby Ordained by the Authority of the same,* That all and every Person or Persons hereafter to be made Free of this City (who were not Born within this City or served a regular Apprenticeship of Seven Years within the same), shall Pay for the Freedom thereof as follows, *to wit:* Every Merchant, Trader or Shop-keeper, the Sum of *Five Pounds,* Lawful Money of the State of New York, including the several Fees hereinafter mentioned; And every Handicraft Tradesman, the sum of Twenty Shillings of like Lawful

Money, for the Use of the Corporation, with the following Fees on being made Free, that is to say, *Eight Shillings* to the Mayor, *Six Shillings* to the Recorder, *Seven Shillings* and *Sixpence* to the Clerk, and *One Shilling* to the Cryer of the Mayor's-Court; and that every Person who was Born or served an Apprenticeship within this City, shall Pay for being Sworn a Freeman, and being Registered, and for a Certificate thereof, the Sum of *Eight Shillings* to the Mayor, *Six Shillings* to the Recorder, *Seven Shillings and Sixpence* to the Clerk, and *One Shilling* to the Cryer and Bell-Ringer of the Mayor's Court.

II. And Be it Further Ordained, *by the authority aforesaid*, That every Person hereafter to be made Free of this City, shall take such oath of Allegiance to the State of New York, as is now or hereafter shall be established by Law, before the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, and any Four or more of the Aldermen; and also the following Oath or Affirmation, *to wit:* I, A. B., do swear (or solemnly Affirm, as the Case may be) that I, as a Freeman of the City of New York, will maintain the lawful Franchises and Customs thereof, and keep the same City harmless as much as in me lieth, and that I will in all Things do my Duty as a good and faithful Freeman of the same City ought to do. So Help me GOD.

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At a Common Council held 12th. Day of July, 1786.

David Ackerman sworn and admitted a Freeman of this City and ordered to be registered.

At a Common Council held the 19th. Day of July, 1786.

John Johnson admitted and sworn a Freeman of this City and ordered to be registered.

At a Common Council held the 14th. Day of October, 1786.

The following Persons were admitted and sworn as Freemen of this City and ordered to be registered, *viz.:*

Elijah Price, Taylor,
Wm. Grinding, Brewer,
Edward McHugo, Shoemaker,
Lewis Harrington, Shoemaker,
Thomas Kennedy, Weaver,
Lewis Andrew Gautier, Farmer,
James Whitlock, Taylor,
John Fleming, Shoemaker,
Ephraim Ross, Weaver,
Benjamin McDowall, Shoemaker,
William Willis, Hatter,
James Graison, Farmer,
James K. Delaplaine, Watchmaker,
Bernard C. Schuyler, Blacksmith,
James Irvin, Farmer,
Isaac Doughty, Labourer,
George Albert, Labourer,
John Wessels, Boatman,
James King, Labourer,
John Kyser, Tanner,
Samuel Chandler, Labourer.

At a Common Council held the 18th. Day of October, 1786.

Henry Lines and James Purdy, Labourers, were admitted and sworn Freemen of this City and ordered to be registered.

At a Common Council held the 1st. Day of November, 1786.

The following Persons were admitted and sworn

Freemen of this City and ordered to be registered, *viz.:*

John Anderson, Mariner,
Ralph Hodge, Barber,
John Martin, White Smith.

At a Common Council held the 15th. Day of November, 1786.

George Titler, Cabinetmaker,
John Webster, Labourer,
were admitted and sworn Freemen of this City and ordered to be registered.

At a Common Council held the 27th. Day of December, 1786.

David Schaats, Labourer,
Ezekiel DeCamp, Labourer,
were admitted and sworn Freemen of this City and ordered to be registered.

At a Common Council held the 31st. Day of January, 1787.

Charles Van Norden,
Benjamin Lawrence,
Peter Van Bommel,
were severally admitted and sworn Freemen of this City.

At a Common Council held the 14th. Day of March, 1787.

Samuel Delamater, Cordwainer,
John Shick, Blacksmith,
were admitted and sworn Freemen of this City.

At a Common Council held the 9th. Day of May, 1787.

Jacob Demarest, Labourer,
John Bogert, Labourer,
Amos Munday, Labourer,

were severally sworn and admitted Freemen of this City and ordered to be registered.

At a Common Council held the 16th. Day of May, 1787.

The following Persons were admitted and sworn Freemen of this City and ordered to be registered.

John Austin, Chocolate Maker,
Charles McLean, Grocer,
Abraham Bond, Carpenter,
Peter Lawrence, Blacksmith,
William Brown, Chair Maker,
Jacob Tiers, Butcher,
John Ross, Taylor,
Gideon Carstang, Ropemaker,
Peter Bolmer, Blacksmith,
Charles Hedenberg, Shoe Maker,
Henry Bausher, Blacksmith,
John Murray, Blacksmith,
Samuel Valleau, Taylor,
Nicholas Van Antwerp, Ironmonger,
James Moore, Baker,
John Doughty, Grocer,
Robert Carter, Cabinet Maker,
James W. Lent, Cooper,
Stephen Rose, Cooper,
Gerardus Burger, Blacksmith,
Thomas Bruen, Last and Heel Maker,
Benjamin Shepard, Cooper,
Gerrit Walgrove, Cooper,
Joseph Smith, Grocer,

Morris Smith, Innholder,
Thomas Burrows, Carpenter,
John Young, Cordwainer,
Edward Patten, Taylor,
Joseph Corre, Innkeeper,
John Divine, Shoemaker.

At a Common Council held the 20th. Day of June, 1787.

The following Persons were admitted and sworn Freemen of this City and ordered to be registered.

William Mooney, Upholsterer,
Henry Mitchell, Watchmaker,
Thomas Franklin Junr., Ironmonger,
Thomas Underhill, Silversmith,
James Kipp, Brass Founder,
Abel W. Hardenbrook, Tin Plate Worker,
William Dean, Cooper,
Daniel Lawrence, Shipwright,
Daniel Stansbury, Tanner and Currier,
James Sculthorpe, Tanner and Currier,
Joel Post, Butcher,
John DeGroot, Shipwright,
Frederick Mabie, Shoemaker,
Thomas Drake, Shipwright,
Stephen Coles, Distiller,
Jacob Morris, Cooper,
William Cowenhoven, Hatter,
Henry Rogers, Carpenter,
John Rose, Carpenter,
Daniel Bayles, Shipwright,
Cornelius Warner, Carpenter,
Matthew Bird, Carpenter,
Caleb Pell, Coppersmith,
John Smith, Carpenter,
Isaac Asten, Cordwainer,

Dow Tallman, Carpenter,
David Vanderbeeck, Blacksmith,
Anthony Brown, Carpenter,
James Quackenbush, Shopkeeper,
William Nichols, Blacksmith,
William Hopson, Butcher,
Adam Van Orden, Shoemaker,
Jonathan Traphagen, Carpenter,
Barnet Simonson, Grocer.

At a Common Council held the 2d. Day of July, 1787.

William McKenney, Stone Cutter,
John Jebine, a City Marshal,
James Targay, Labourer,
were respectfully admitted and sworn Freemen of this City.

At a Common Council held the 12th. Day of July, 1787.

Isaac Meyer, Labourer,
was sworn and admitted a Freeman of this City.

At a Common Council held the 20th. Day of July, 1787.

John Spies, Shoemaker,
Joseph Earl, Carpenter,
Henry Stanton, Labourer,
George Ennis, Labourer,
Benjamin Smith, Labourer,
were severally admitted and sworn Freemen of this City.

At a Common Council held the 1st. Day of August, 1787.

Daniel Van Antwerp, Grocer,
Elias DeGrushe, Ropemaker,
John Dennison, Labourer,
were admitted and sworn Freemen of this City.

At a Common Council held the 24th. Day of October, 1787.

John Harrison, Cordwainer,
James Reid, Labourer,
Samuel Littick, Labourer,
John Lovet, Labourer,
were respectively admitted and sworn Freemen of this City.

At a Common Council held the 31st. Day of October, 1787.

Lambert Andrieson, Labourer,
Philip Burgin, Cooper,
Gilbert Woodhull, Grocer,
were admitted and sworn Freemen of this City.

At a Common Council held the 21st. Day of November, 1787.

Jeremiah Stone, Labourer,
Jonas Roe, Labourer,
Anthony Tiebout, Labourer,
were severally admitted and sworn Freemen of this City.

At a Common Council held the 12th. Day of December, 1787.

Barney Egberts, Labourer,
was admitted and sworn a Freeman of this City.

At a Common Council held the 12th. Day of January, 1788.

James Snow, Labourer,
Richard Robertson, Tanner,
were admitted and sworn Freemen of this City.

At a Common Council held the 20th. Day of February, 1788.

James Teller, Hatter,
was admitted and sworn a Freeman of this City.

At a Common Council held the 9th. Day of April, 1788.

John Leacock, Labourer,
was admitted and sworn a Freeman of this City.

At a Common Council held the 30th. Day of April, 1788.

David Lisk, Labourer,
Lucas Van Buskirk, Labourer,
John Bogert, Labourer,
Abraham Storm, Labourer,
William Parsel, Labourer,
Jacob Roll, Labourer,
Simon Demarest, Labourer,
were severally admitted and sworn Freemen of this City.

At a Common Council held the 14th. Day of May, 1788.

The following Persons were admitted and sworn as Freemen of this City, *viz.:*

James Mathers, Labourer,
James Morrell, Labourer,
Matthias Hack, Labourer,
Thomas Jaycocks, Labourer,
Richard Westervelt, Labourer,
William Smith, Labourer,
George Beekman, Labourer,
Lucas Kip, Labourer,
Anderson French, Labourer,
Cornelius Westervelt, Labourer,
William Ryer, Labourer,
Edmund Butler, Labourer,
Abraham Van Blarcum, Labourer,
Nathaniel Morrison, Labourer,
William Butler, Labourer,
Frederick Long, Labourer,
John Cottle, Labourer.

At a Common Council held the 5th. Day of June, 1788.

Isaac Hadley, Labourer,
was admitted and sworn a Freeman of this City.

At a Common Council held the 31st. Day of July, 1788.

John Edwards, Labourer,
Valentine Tier, Labourer,
William Hillyer, Labourer,
were admitted and sworn Freemen of this City.

At a Common Council heldt he 27th. Day of August, 1788.

Cornelius Meyer Junr., Labourer,
John DePue, Labourer,

Edward Grant, Labourer,
Thomas Lefoy, Hatter,
were severally admitted and sworn Freemen of this City.

At a Common Council held the 10th. Day of September, 1788.

Garret Bartholph, Labourer,
John McLean, Labourer,
Joseph Bailey, Labourer,
Philip Cockrem, Grocer,
were admitted and sworn Freemen of this City.

At a Common Council held the 24th. Day of September, 1788.

Samuel Gautier, Taylor,
John Johnson, Marriner,
Thomas P. Van Nostrandt, Blockmaker,
Joseph Trow, Labourer,
Robert McCullen, Cooper,
were severally admitted and sworn Freemen of this City.

At a Common Council held the 14th. Day of October, 1788.

James Watson, Merchant,
was admitted and sworn a Freeman of this City.

At a Common Council held the 1st Day of April, 1789.

Robert Johnston, Shopkeeper,
John Wool, Heelmaker,
John Van Osdall, [Arsdale] Boatman,

Cornelius Mabie, Labourer,
John Fistan, Blacksmith,
John Van Houten, Blacksmith,
John Ackerman, Innholder,
Jacob Shourt, Blacksmith,
were severally admitted and sworn Freemen of this City.

At a Common Council held the 15th. Day of April, 1789.

Jonathan Lawrence Junr.,
was admitted and sworn a Freeman of this City.

At a Common Council held the 5th. Day of June, 1789.

Philip Ruckell, Labourer,
was admitted and sworn a Freeman of this City.

At a Common Council held the 30th. Day of June, 1789.

Hugh Montgomery, Mariner,
was admitted and sworn a Freeman of this City.

At a Common Council held the 16th. Day of September, 1789.

Peter Deconty,
Andrew Blank, Cartman,
Abraham Brower, Blacksmith,
were admitted and sworn as Freemen of this City.

At a Common Council held the 12th. Day of October, 1789.

Richard Smith, Labourer,
was admitted and sworn a Freeman of this City.

The following Resolutions were agreed to by the Board, *viz.:*

Whereas, Major Pierre C. L'Enfant having at the Request of the Citizens furnished a plan for altering and improving the City Hall, so as to render it suitable for the reception and accommodation of the Congress of the United States, generously undertook to superintend and direct the Work: and in the execution thereof hath displayed a highly distinguished Degree of Skill and Taste in Architecture, and hath moreover exerted uncommon Zeal and Industry in accomplishing the said Design, notwithstanding the unfavorable Season in which it was undertaken, and the said Hall from his Talents and Exertions hath become a signal Ornament of this City and a Monument of the Munificence of the Citizens.

Resolved, therefore, that the Thanks of this Board be presented to the said Major L'Enfant for his eminent Services in forming and executing the said Plan, and that the Freedom of this City be presented to him under the common Seal of the Corporation as a Proof of their Esteem.

Resolved, also, that this Corporation, as a further proof of their Sense of the Services of the said Major L'Enfant in the premises, will convey to him in fee a Lot of their common Land containing the quantity of Ten Acres in such place as shall be agreed upon by a Committee of this Board.

Ordered that Alderman Bayard and Messrs. T. Van Zandt and Janeway be the Committee to fix on the plans for locating the said Lot as aforesaid.*

* *December 30th.*, 1789. The Committee reported the selection of ten acres of the Common Lands between the land of David Provoost and the Post Road

At a Common Council held the 19th. Day of March, 1790.

Benjamin Egberts, Grocer,
Frederick Devoue, Grocer,
were admitted and sworn as Freemen of this City.

At a Common Council held the 26th. Day of March, 1790.

Samuel Bell, Cabinetmaker,
was admitted and sworn a Freeman of this City.

At a Common Council held the 14th. Day of May, 1790.

Isaiah Wool, Stonecutter,
was admitted and sworn a Freeman of this City.

At a Common Council held the 17th. Day of September, 1790.

John Hillyer, Cooper,
was admitted and sworn a Freeman of this City.

At a Common Council held the 24th. Day of September, 1790.

Abraham Martling, Labourer,
was admitted and sworn a Freeman of this City.

(Third Avenue between 68th and 69th Streets). It was ordered that a city surveyor lay out the lands approved of. *May 11th.*, 1790. The Major refused the gift of land. *January 26th.*, 1801. A Memorial of Major P. Charles L'Enfant was presented to the Common Council claiming compensation for his services in planning and directing the improvements made to the City Hall in the year 1789. It was ordered that the sum of $750 be paid to Major L'Enfant in full discharge of all claims against the Corporation for his services. *February 16th.*, 1801. A letter from the Major declining the appropriation of $750 and asking for a larger sum, was read. The Common Council determined not to reconsider the subject.

At a Common Council held the 17th. Day of January, 1791.

On Motion of Mr. Pintard:

Resolved, that the Freedom of this City be presented to the Honourable Horatio Gates Esq[r]., late Major General in the Army of the United States of America.

Ordered that the Aldermen and Assistants of the East Ward [Daniel McCormick and John Pintard] prepare the Draft of a Certificate for that purpose.

At a Common Council held the 25th. Day of February, 179

The Committee for the purpose appointed reported the Draft of a Certificate to General Gates on his admission to the Freedom of this City, which was read and approved of by the Board in the words following:

City of New York, } ss.

By Richard Varick Esq[r]., Mayor, and the Recorder, Aldermen, and Assistants of the City of New York in Common Council convened.

To all People to whom these Presents shall come or may concern, Greeting.

Know ye that we, being mindful of the distinguished Merit of the Honourable Horatio Gates Esq[r]., late a Major General in the Armies of the United States of America, Have received and admitted, and by these Presents Do receive and admit, the said Horatio Gates to be a Free-Man of the said City of New York, within the limits of which he hath lately chosen his Residence, to hold, exercise, and enjoy all the Privileges, advantages, and Immunities to the Freedom of the said City incident and appertaining: As a

public Mark of the Sense we entertain of his Services, of our Esteem for him personally and of the Interest we take in his Happiness.

In Testimony whereof we have caused the public Seal of the said City to be hereunto affixed. Witness Richard Varick Esq^r., Mayor of the said City, the 25th. day of February in the Year of our Lord 1791, and of the Independence of the United States the fifteenth.

Ordered, that the Seal of this Corporation be affixed thereto, and that Mr. Mayor be pleased to subscribe and present the same in such manner as he shall judge most respectful and proper.

At a Common Council held the 29th. Day of March, 1791.

John Pintard, Merchant,
Joseph Mallenbrey, Surgeon,
William Collet, Coachmaker,
were admitted and sworn Freemen of this City.

At a Common Council held the 2d. Day of May, 1791.

Mr. Mayor reported that he had waited on the Honourable Horatio Gates, and in the name of the Board presented him with the certificate of his being made a Freeman of this City, and that he received the same with great satisfaction and requested Mr. Mayor on his behalf to return the Board his Thanks for their polite attention towards him.

At a Common Council held the 30th. Day of May, 1791.

Gardiner Baker, Cordwainer,
was admitted and sworn a Freeman of this City.

At a Common Council held the 24th. Day of June, 1791.

John Hoogland, Sadler,
Jeremiah Ward Wool, Silversmith,
were admitted to the Freedom of this City.

At a Common Council held the 12th. Day of September, 1791.

John C Crygier, Grocer,
John S. Delamater, Taylor,
were admitted and sworn Freemen of this City.

At a Common Council held the 12th. Day of March, 1792.

James Stuart, Grocer,
was admitted and sworn a Freeman of this City.

At a Common Council held the 4th. Day of June, 1792.

John Fox, Grocer,
was admitted and sworn a Freeman of this City.

At a Common Council held the 10th. Day of September, 1792.

Peter Wynkoop, Baker,
was admitted and sworn a Freeman of this City.

At a Meeting at the Mayor's Office on Saturday, the 28th Day of September, 1793.

Jedediah Waterman, Chocolatemaker,
Azariah Dunham, Labourer,

David Covert, Labourer,
John Seaman, Labourer,
were admitted and sworn Freemen of this City.

At a Common Council held the 16th. Day of March, 1795.

Ordered that as a Testimony of the high Sense this Board entertain of the public Services of Alexander Hamilton, especially in the administration of the Office of Secretary of the Treasury of the United States, He be presented with the Freedom of this City.

At a Common Council held the 18th. Day of May, 1795.

A letter from Alexander Hamilton Esq^{r}., to Mr. Mayor, was read setting forth, that he had received the letter from Mr. Mayor covering his Certificate of the Freedom of this City, that among the precious Testimonies he had received of the approbation of his immediate fellow Citizens none was more acceptable or more flattering to him than that which he now acknowledged, and requesting Mr. Mayor to convey to this Board the Expressions of his high Sense of the Honour they had done him (which he shall be happy on every opportunity of manifesting) as well as his sincere Respect for themselves.

At a Common Council held the 26th. Day of September, 1796.

James C. Brasher, Taylor,
was admitted and sworn a Freeman of this City.

At a Common Council held the 7th. Day of October, 1796.

Jacob Delamontagnie attended the Board and admitted that he was not a Freeman of this City. That he was a Freeholder in the Third and Seventh Wards previous to the election of Charter Officers on the 29th. of September last. That he was in treaty for the purchase of a Freehold estate in the Sixth Ward, for which he was returned Alderman elect, previous to the said election, but that the said purchase was not completed until after the said election.

Ordered, that the consideration of the subject be postponed till Monday afternoon next [October 10th.] when Mr. Delamontagnie will be heard, if he has anything to offer himself or by Council.

At a Common Council held the 10th. Day of October, 1796.

The Board proceeded to the question on the eligibility of Jacob Delamontagnie to hold the office of Alderman of the Sixth Ward, and it appearing from his admission that he was not a Freeman of this City, nor a Freeholder in the said Ward, at or before the late election in the said Ward. Whereupon the Board determined unanimously that he was ineligible to hold the said office.

At a Common Council held the 17th. Day of October, 1796.

Jacob Delamontagnie, Gentleman,*
John A. Wolfe, Cordwainer,
John P. Pearss, Merchant,

* A special election for Alderman of the Sixth Ward was held October 26th., 1796, when Mr. Delamontagnie was again returned, and took his seat at the next meeting of the Board.

John P. Anthony, Tanner and Currier,
Abraham Boudonire, Hatter,
were admitted and sworn as Freemen of this City.

At a Common Council held the 24th. Day of October, 1796.

George Snowdon, Ship Chandler,
Andrew Anderson, Cabinetmaker,
were admitted and sworn as Freemen of this City.

At a Common Council held the 14th. Day of November, 1796.

Jeremiah Marshall, Inspector of Lumber,
was admitted and sworn a Freeman of this City.

At a Common Council held the 19th. Day of December, 1796.

Brigadier General Donald Campbell,
was admitted and sworn a Freeman of this City.

At a Common Council held the 9th. Day of January, 1797.

Andrew Newell, Cooper,
Nicholas G. Carmer, Merchant,
were admitted and sworn as Freemen of this City.

At a Common Council held the 29th. Day of February, 1797.

Henry Verveeden, Grocer,
was admitted and sworn a Freeman of this City.

At a Common Council held the 25th. Day of February, 1797.

Jasper Ward, Merchant,
was admitted and sworn a Freeman of this City.

At a Common Council held the 27th. Day of February, 1797.

Cary Dunn Junr., Gentleman,
was admitted and sworn a Freeman of this City.

A Law to regulate the admission of Freemen in the City of New York.

Be *it Ordained by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York in Common Council convened, and it is hereby Ordained by the Authority of the same,* That each Person hereafter to be admitted, and made a Freeman of the said City (who was not born within the said City or served a regular Apprenticeship of Seven Years within the same), shall pay as follows, *to wit:* A Merchant, Trader or Shopkeeper, the sum of *Five Pounds*, and a Mechanic the sum of *Twenty Shillings* for the Use of the Corporation of the said City; and that every Person, on being admitted and made free as aforesaid, shall pay the following Fees, *to wit: Eight Shillings* to the Mayor, *Seven Shillings and Six Pence* to the Clerk, and *One Shilling* to the Cryer of the Mayor's Court.

And further, That each person to be admitted and made a Freeman of the said City shall take before the Mayor and any four of the Aldermen the following oath or affirmation, to wit:

I do swear (or affirm, as the Case may be), That I, as a Freeman of the City of New York, will maintain the lawful Franchises and Customs thereof; that I will keep the said City from Harm as much as in me lieth,

and that I will in all Things do my Duty as a good and faithful Freeman of the said City ought to do.

Laws and Ordinances of the City of New York, May 1st., 1797, page 6.

At a Common Council held the 17th. Day of April, 1797.

James Kent Esq^r^.
was admitted and sworn a Freeman of this City.

James Kent Esq^r^. attended and produced a Commission under the Great Seal of the State appointing him to the Office of Recorder of this City. Whereupon he took and subscribed the Oaths prescribed and directed by Law and the Charter of this City, and took his seat accordingly.

At a Common Council held the 26th. Day of June, 1797.

Archibald Kerby, Gentleman,
was admitted and sworn a Freeman of this City.

At a Common Council held the 18th. Day of September, 1797.

Philip Fulkerson, Porter,
Edmund Washburn, Yeoman,
Lewis Smith, Carpenter,
were admitted and sworn as Freemen of this City.

At a Common Council held the 25th. Day of September, 1797.

George Harsin, Taylor,
Joseph Dunkley, Grocer,
were admitted and sworn as Freemen of this City.

At a Common Council held the 14th. Day of October, 1797.

Samuel Montgomery, Windsor Chairmaker,
was admitted and sworn a Freeman of this City.

At a Common Council held the 26th. Day of March, 1799.

John Bogert Esq^{r}., Merchant,
Nicholas Carmer, Merchant,
were admitted and sworn as Freemen of this City.

At a Common Council held the 14th. Day of October, 1799.

Philip Ten Eyck, Book Storekeeper and Stationer,
was admitted and sworn a Freeman of this City.

At a Common Council held the 20th. Day of October, 1800.

William Peterson, Cordwainer,
was admitted and sworn a Freeman of this City.

At a Common Council held the 27th. Day of October, 1800.

Anthony Rutgers, one of the Wardens of the Port,
was admitted and sworn a Freeman of this City.

At a Common Council held the 3d. Day of November, 1800.

Philip Brasher Esq^{r}., Attorney at Law,
Joseph Gilmore, Taylor,
were respectively admitted and sworn as Freemen of this City.

Extract from An Act relative to the election of Charter Officers, and relative to Weigh-masters in the City of New York. Passed by the Legislature of New York, April 7th., 1801.

And be it further enacted, That no person shall vote as a Freeholder at any of the said elections, unless he shall be possessed of a freehold estate, in lands or tenements in his own right, or that of his wife, to the value of fifty dollars over and above all the debts charged thereon, within the ward where he shall vote, and shall have possessed the same (except it came to him by descent or devise) at least one month before the day of such election.

And further, That no person shall vote as a Freeman of the said City, at any of the said elections, unless he shall have been admitted to the freedom of the said city at least three months, and have actually resided in the ward for which he shall so vote at least for one month, before the day of such election.

And further, That every person offering to vote as a Freeholder at any such election shall, before he be admitted to vote, take the following oath, if required so to do by the inspector of such election, that is to say; "I do solemnly and sincerely swear and declare that I am a Freeholder, and that I hold my estate by descent or devise (if such shall be the case, or if he shall not so hold, then), and that I have been so for one month next preceding this election, and possessed in my own right (or in my wife's right) (as the case may be) of a freehold of the value of fifty dollars in the ward in which I now offer to vote; that I do not hold the same in trust for any body politic or corporate, or for any pious or religious use whatsoever; that I have not before been polled at this election by virtue of the said freehold, and that I have not procured the said freehold under any obligation or promise to convey the same to any other person after this election." And in like manner every person offer-

ing to vote as a Freeman of the said City, at any such election, shall, if required so to do by the said inspector, take the following oath before he shall be admitted to vote at such election, that is to say: "I do solemnly and sincerely swear and declare in the presence of Almighty God, that I am, and have been for three months last past, a Freeman of the city of New York, and have actually resided in the ward in which I now offer to vote, for one month last past, and that I have not been before polled at this election; and if any person offering to vote as a Freeholder or Freeman, as aforesaid, shall refuse to take the oath above prescribed to be by him taken, when thereunto required by the inspector as aforesaid, his vote shall be rejected."

A Law to regulate the admission of Freemen in the City of New York.

Be it ordained by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York in Common Council convened, That each person hereafter to be admitted and made a Freeman of the said city (other than such as were born or have served a regular apprenticeship of seven years within the same) shall pay as follows, to wit: A merchant, trader or shopkeeper, the sum of *twelve dollars and fifty cents*, and a mechanic the sum of *two dollars and fifty cents*, for the use of the corporation of the said city; and that every person on being admitted and made free, as aforesaid, shall pay the following fees, to wit: *One dollar* to the clerk, and *twenty-five cents* to the crier of the Mayor's court.

And further, That each person hereafter to be admitted and made a Freeman of the said city shall take, before the Mayor and any four of the Aldermen, the following oath or affirmation, to wit:

I do swear, or affirm (as the case may be), That I, as a Freeman of the city of New York, will maintain

the lawful franchises and customs thereof; that I will keep the said city from harm as much as in me lieth, and that I will in all things do my duty as a good and faithful Freeman of the said city ought to do.

Laws and Ordinances of the City of New York, April 27th., 1801, *page* 6.

City Charter. We are happy to learn that the necessity of an application to the Legislature for a revision of the City Charter has been taken into consideration by the Common Council. The Charter of this City has for a long time been a source of complaint to our fellow citizens, and occasionally attracted the attention of our State Legislature. Many of the regulations and provisions it contains for the government of the City, by lapse of time, and a total change of circumstances, become useless; others improper, and some oppressive. It has been an opinion propagated with some zeal, and more generally received than a just consideration of the subject will warrant, that legislative interference would be improper unless formally solicited by members of the corporation. This is a position which, if admitted, is calculated to involve us in endless inconveniences, and tending in its consequences to perpetuate the mischiefs under which we labour. It is, moreover, so repugnant to the nature of all our civil institutions, that, upon an impartial investigation, we trust it will be abandoned by its advocates. A doctrine tending to raise a corporate body of this nature above legislative power, and make it paramount, in effect, to the constitution under which we live, appears to us pregnant with calamity and danger. Hitherto the gentlemen who have successively composed the Common Council do not appear to have been impressed with the necessity of amendment, and have withheld their consent to an alteration of such parts of the Charter as have been found oppressive by experience, because they contend

that its most objectionable provisions have not been enforced for many years. What reasons have produced this determination we are at a loss to ascertain. That it originated in interested motives, or in views inimical to the true interests of the city, we never can admit without reluctance; but a perseverance in this opposition to the wishes of a large majority of the citizens, cannot fail, in the end, to produce these unpleasant impressions. It appears to us a singular instance of attachment to the unwholesome regulations of former times. The design that the Charter should be revised has not its origin in the wild spirit of innovation, but arises from evils and inconvenience daily felt; from a conviction that, in its present form, it is incompetent to ensure to the inhabitants of this city a useful and efficient government. By a perusal of the Charter it will be perceived that, before the revolution, it experienced revisions in order to adapt it to the circumstance and the spirit of the times; and what, it may be asked, has since placed it beyond the control of the sovereign power of the State? The Legislature, it is to be hoped, will view the subject in a proper light, and we are inclined to believe that a respectful petition from our fellow citizens will meet with suitable attention, particularly if sanctioned by the approbation of the present members of the Common Council. In viewing this subject, we are far from believing that the Charter should be hastily prostrated; but we do believe that it is susceptible of salutary amendments. It is not for us to dictate, but we would suggest the propriety of the early adoption of some measures by our citizens for the accomplishment of so desirable an object, either by a general meeting of the citizens, or by meetings in the respective wards, to appoint a general committee to pursue such measures as may be thought advisable, and best calculated to produce the desired effect.

Morning Chronicle, December 27th., 1802.

To the Editor of the Morning Chronicle.

Sir: With great pleasure I observed in the Chronicle of yesterday a paragraph suggesting the propriety of adopting measures to obtain a revision and alteration of the Charter of this City; it is a subject which requires the attention and exertion of the citizens, and it is to be hoped will be pursued with that zeal and spirit which its importance demands; at the same time paying a due respect to the constituted authorities, and the opinions of each of our fellow citizens, if any such there are, who may think a revision of the Charter unnecessary or inexpedient.

When, and as often as, the people experience inconvenience from the operation of laws, or any public instrument whereby their rights and privileges are affected, or the safety of the community endangered, they have an incontestable right to appeal to the Legislature for redress.

The public mind, for a long time past, has been much agitated upon the subject of the Charter. Several applications have been made to the Legislature for redress; but the difference of political sentiments which prevailed in the Senate and House of Assembly has hitherto rendered abortive every effort to make the Charter (which was obtained while America was under the dominion of the King of Great Britain) more congenial to the principles of republicanism, and consistent with the laws and constitution of our country.

The several grievances of which the people complain are:

First. By the Charter — "On the feast of St. Michael the archangel in every year, the Freemen of the City, being inhabitants thereof, and the Freeholders of the several wards, shall and may assemble themselves and meet together at such time of the day, and at such public place in each of the said wards, as the respective Aldermen, for each respective ward, for the time being shall appoint; and then and there, by

plurality of voices or votes, to elect and choose out of the inhabitants of each respective ward, being Freeholders there, or Freemen of the said City (except for the out ward), one Alderman, etc.," for the ensuing year.

By a construction given to this clause of the Charter, none but Freemen and Freeholders have a right to interfere in the election of Charter Officers; and if one man owns a freehold of the value of fifty dollars* in every ward, his right to vote is extended to all the wards. This is unequal, for that one man, merely by the effect of chance (as it happens in many instances), has privileges far beyond what more meritorious characters enjoy; unjust, because it extends that influence which arises from wealth, over the suffrage of the poor but honest man, and which the constitution and laws of the State wisely intended to prevent. In this clause of the Charter, then, there is a great grievance, as far as relates to the right of Freeholders voting in every ward.

Secondly. As far as it relates to Freemen—By the Charter, the Mayor and four or more of the Aldermen, have the power of making free citizens, and the Charter expressly interdicts all persons except free citizens, from using any art, trade, mystery or occupation, within the City. Thus a power is vested in the Mayor and the Corporation (if capriciously disposed), to prevent all persons, let their characters and standing in society be ever so exalted, from obtaining the freedom of the City, and without which any person may be prohibited from pursuing any calling, however necessary for himself or useful to the public. In this, therefore, there is a manifest grievance, and more particularly so, when it is considered that the Charter Officers are to be chosen by the Freeholders, and Freemen of the City, of which the former are the

* By the 6th section of the law of the Legislature of this State, relative to the election of Charter Officers in this City, passed 7th. April, 1801, the qualification of a Freeholder to vote is limited at fifty dollars.

greater number; and those who are not Freemen or Freeholders, but men of more wealth, and who contribute to the support of the City, by having their personal estates taxed, are utterly excluded from any share in the elections.

Thirdly. By the Charter, the City is divided into seven wards, and those so to remain. At the time it was granted, in the year 1730, as appears from the bounds of the respective wards, it is evident the probable increase of population, in what now forms the sixth and seventh wards, never was truly estimated by the framers of the Charter. Since that period, from a variety of fortunate circumstances, the increase of population in those wards has nearly if not quite overbalanced that of the other five wards. This population is daily increasing in the sixth and seventh wards in the same proportion, and although either of these wards contains more than double the number of inhabitants of the largest of the other wards, still they are by the Charter entitled to no greater share in the Councils of the City than the smallest ward in it. In this, therefore, there is a manifest grievance, and more especially when we reflect that no provision is made by the Charter for a redress of it. Also that the present system is repugnant, not only to the constitution and laws of the United States, but the constitution and laws of this State, which apportion the representatives to the number of inhabitants.

The above are a few of the many causes of complaint which involve the rights and interest of the citizens of New York respecting its Charter, and those are not stated in that strong language which their effects would warrant. There are other just causes of discontent. At present I shall forbear to enumerate them, but leave the citizens to think on those I have mentioned, trusting that the meeting suggested will shortly be called, when the business will be fully discussed, and a respectful memorial to the Legislature be agreed upon, which I hope will meet the sanc-

tion of the present members of the corporation. The patriotism and good sense which now prevails in our Common Council, induce me to hope that our application to the corporation will be crowned with success; but should I be mistaken, let the application be made to the Legislature with the firmness and respect becoming Freemen, tenacious of their rights, and who wish to be relieved from real evil.

One of the People.

December 28th., 1802.

Morning Chronicle, December 30th., 1802.

It is recommended to the Citizens of New York, to meet on Thursday Evening, at Six o'clock, at Adams's Hotel, in William Street, to take into consideration what measures should be adopted in order to obtain an Extension of the Right of Suffrage in the Election of Charter Officers of this City.

December 28th., 1802.

American Citizen, December 28th., 1802.

City of New York.
Thursday Evening, December 30th., 1802.

In pursuance of public notice, a large number of citizens met this evening at Adams' Hotel, William Street, to take into consideration what measures should be adopted in order to obtain an extension of the rights of suffrage in the election of Charter Officers of this City.

Several causes concurring to render an adjournment of the meeting proper, it was resolved "that a committee of three be appointed to call a general meeting of the citizens to deliberate on the above subject, at such time and place as shall to them seem fit and convenient, and that sufficient notice thereof be given in the public prints."

A Committee of three citizens was accordingly appointed.

By order of the meeting,
Philip I. Arcularius, Chairman.

Morning Chronicle, January 1st., 1803.

A writer in the Morning Chronicle, who signs himself "*One of the People*," evinces that the Charter of this city should be revised. The propositions are absurd and preposterous as they are base and deceitful.

After (Jefferson-like) a little fawning and cringing; after modestly appealing to the "*opinion of each of his fellow citizens, if any such there are who may think a revision of the Charter unnecessary or inexpedient*," he mentions three as "*the several grievances of which the people complain;*" and shortly after, as being a "*few of the many causes of complaint which involve the rights and interest of the Citizens of New York, respecting its Charter, etc.*" Let us examine them as they respectively present themselves.

First, *That by a Construction given to a clause of the Charter, none but Freemen and Freeholders have a right to interfere in the election of Charter Officers; and that if one man owns a freehold to the value of fifty dollars in every ward, his right to vote is extended to all the wards.*

Why, truly, I can perceive no *grievance* in this, as the writer so loudly complains of. On the contrary, I conceive it to be just and proper. If a citizen is possessed of a freehold in each ward, he has a right to take care that no person is elected in those wards that might affect his interest. He is more interested than another who is his inferior in that particular. The more property he possesses, the more he is attached to the Government—the more he has to protect, and consequently has a greater right to interfere in those elections. Let this pass however.

Second, *That none but Freemen or Freeholders have a right to vote.*

Here the cloven foot appears—if this alteration which the writer so ardently sighs for, was effected, we should have an addition to our present stock of *Irish Freemen*,* an insult to our citizens and an injury to our Country, the whole host of Africans that now deluge our City (already too impertinent to be borne), would be placed upon an equal with the citizens. This savours too much of French *Liberty* and *Equality!* Far be it from me to imagine that the *Blacks* are an inferior race of beings—yet let them be kept at a proper distance, and themselves and us will experience the benefits of it.

Third, *That by the Charter the City is divided into seven wards, and those so to remain.*

The subtlety of this writer can hardly be concealed. 'Tis evidently a democratic manœuvre to render "*the Charter more congenial to the principles of republicanism*," i. e., to elect a Common Council composed of a majority of their own Sect. He wishes the Sixth and Seventh Wards to be divided, so as to constitute four.

Suppose the writer's wishes to be gratified, and these wards to be divided; it would result thus: Federal 3, Democratic 6—Democratic majority 3.

And then farewell to the rights and franchises of our Citizens—An eternal adieu to order and happiness.

A Citizen.

The New York Gazette and General Advertiser, January 3d., 1803.

Whereas, At a general meeting of the citizens of the city of New York, convened on the 30th. ult., at Adams' hotel, for the purpose of taking into consideration the measures necessary to be pursued in order to obtain an extension of the right of suffrage in the elec-

* Here no disrespect is meant to the respectable part of that nation.

tion of Charter Officers of this city, the subscribers were appointed a committee to make the necessary arrangements for convening a general meeting of the said citizens, for the afore-mentioned purposes. They do, therefore, in pursuance of that authority, hereby give this Public Notice, That a general meeting of the said citizens, for the above-mentioned purposes, will be held on Friday, the 7th. inst., at 6 o'clock P. M., at Adams's assembly room in William Street.

The committee confidently trust, that when the right of suffrage, the vital principle of a free government, is the primary object of the meeting, that no citizen, who regards his political liberty, needs any stimulus to excite his punctual attendance.

James Smith,
John Santford,
Thos. Herttell.

January 3d., 1803.

Morning Chronicle, January 4th., 1803.

Messrs. Lang & Co.

I have lately seen a proposition to petition the Legislature of this State for a *revision* (as it is called) of the Charter of this city.

It is much to be lamented, that those demagogues who at present possess the reins of government, should be permitted thus gradually to subvert every remnant of liberty in this country, and our citizens remain silent spectators of the truly alarming and affecting scene. The proposition is another example of the destructive tendency of democratic principles, and is an additional proof of the paltry schemes to which the vicious and unprincipled will resort to support their tottering credit or sustain the falling ruins of lawless ambition. We have beheld the overthrow of our judiciary, and the subversion of our Constitution, and must yet witness the sacrifice of an additional victim. Covered, as usual, under the pleasing

garb of patriotism and zeal for the country—a garb that inevitably draws forth the honest support of the virtuous ; a combination has been formed to assassinate the Charter of the City, for the purpose of promoting the cause of ruin, anarchy and confusion.

A certain person, under the signature of "*One of the People*," has appeared in the Morning Chronicle to advocate and recommend the contemplated measure. I have no doubt that those who have, or shall peruse the communication, will join me in declaring, that he is an insignificant and perfidious impostor—one who should be held up to the indignation and scorn of his countrymen, and branded with the merited appellation of "An enemy to the nation and a subvertor of its liberties." Whether enjoying the smiles of fortune or experiencing the frowns of penury—courted by the wealthy and affluent, or neglected and despised, let him blush for, and bewail his wickedness and folly ; and if, unhappily, his labours should prove successful, may remorse and all her concomitant train, haunt him and all those concerned in the plot, until unfeigned contrition and penitence shall have effaced their guilt. At present, it is that writer's duty to justify himself to all, and if he thinks proper he may consider this as a defiance.

I am sorry to perceive that the Editor of the Chronicle could have permitted the production to have polluted his paper or have wanted sufficient penetration to discern its object—and if this is the manner he proposes to conduct in future, 'twere better he would desist and retire to that profession which affords more honour to himself and benefit to the public.

I shall conclude by advising this *vous populi*, that when he again intrudes himself before us, he adopt a more beneficial subject and to betray less ignorance or base hypocrisy.

Caius.

The New York Gazette and General Advertiser, January 10*th.*, 1803.

At a general meeting of the citizens of New York, convened agreeable to public notice, the 7th. instant, at Adams's assembly room, to take into consideration the necessity and propriety of appealing to the legislature to obtain an alteration in the Charter of the city; the following resolutions were unanimously entered into:

Resolved, As the sense of this meeting, that every citizen who is of lawful age, has a fixed residence in our city, and pays taxes, ought to be duly represented in the government of the same.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of the citizens here assembled, that the charter of the said city ought to be altered so as to extend the right of suffrage for charter officers, to all citizens having a right to vote for the most numerous branch of the state legislature, that the said election for charter officers should be by ballot, and be holden at the time and places, as the elections for members of the legislature, and that no person be permitted to vote out of the ward in which he resides.

Resolved, That a committee of five persons for the first six wards, and a committee of eight for the seventh ward, be appointed with full power from this meeting, to take every measure which they may deem expedient and proper to carry the foregoing resolutions into effect; and that the committee be composed of the following persons, *viz.*:

For the First Ward. William Boyd, John Sanford, David Dunham, William Hilliard, and William Edgar.

Second Ward. John Duffie, John Broome, Thomas Smith, David Denniston, Cornelius Crygier.

Third Ward. Solomon Townsend, John Bingham, Samuel Burling, Jonathan Pearsee Jun^{r}., John A. Wooly.

Fourth Ward. Gardner Jones, James Warner, John Mills, Peter Anderson, Peter H. Wendover.

Fifth Ward. Abraham Bloodgood, Samuel Russel, Philip I. Arcularius, Benjamin Egbert, Ephraim Brasher.

Sixth Ward. Arthur Smith, Henry Verveelen, John T. Banta, William Dustan, Joseph Board.

Seventh Ward. Henry Rutgers, Marinus Willett, William Johnson, George I. Warner, Abraham Leggett, William Mollenear, Jacob P. Myers, Jacobus Dyckman.

Published by order of the meeting.

Philip I. Arcularius, Chairman.
William Keteltas, Secretary.

N. B. The respective committees from each ward, are requested to meet at Abraham B. Martling's, on Thursday evening, at 6 o'clock, to carry the foregoing resolutions into effect.

Morning Chronicle, January 11th., 1803.

A correspondent expresses his hope, that if the Legislature take up the Charter of incorporation of this City, they will make a thorough reformation, by extending the *elective franchise* to every man, woman and child. It is feared by some, that though the matter will be discussed, to please the sixth and seventh wards, yet that it will be so contrived as in the end to fail, and thus monarchy and slavery be entailed upon this great and populous city.

The New York Gazette and General Advertiser, January 14th., 1803.

At a meeting of the Common Council held the 17th. Day of January, 1803.

John Broome, William Edgar, Henry Rutgers, Gardner Jones, Solomon Townsend, and Abraham Bloodgood, composing a Committee appointed at a meeting of the Citizens, for the purpose of petitioning the Legislature for amendment on the Charter of the City, appeared before the Board, and presented the following communication :

Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the Citizens of New York convened agreeably to public notice the 7th. instant, to take into consideration the propriety of applying to the Legislature for the purpose of obtaining an Alteration in the Charter of this City so as to extend the right of Suffrage, sundry resolutions relative thereto were proposed and adopted; a copy of which, with the proceedings of the meeting, we have the honor to inclose. Last evening the Committees from the several wards met, pursuant to appointment, and after discussing the subject it was agreed that a Committee of one member from each ward in the City, out of their number be appointed to apply to your honorable Body to solicit your Co-operation with them for the purpose of procuring the extension of the right of Suffrage. A measure which we have good reason to believe had long been the wish of many of our Fellow Citizens.

It having fallen to our Lot, to be appointed on that Committee, We do accordingly request your Honourable Body will please to inform us, whether it will be agreeable to unite with your Fellow Citizens in an application to the Legislature at their next Session for the accomplishment of that object, and if so, how far it will be agreeable to you, to have the right extended.

We have it in charge to report your Answer to the General Committee when obtained, shall therefore be obliged by receiving it as soon as your Honourable Body can make it convenient.

We are with great respect,
Gentlemen,
Your most obedient and very humble Servants,

John Bromme,
William Edgar,
Henry Rutgers,
G. Jones,
Solomon Townsend,
Abraham Bloodgood,
Henry Verveelen.

New York, 14th. January, 1803.

To the Honourable Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty, etc.

Ordered that the consideration thereof be postponed until the next meeting of the Board.

At a meeting of the Common Council held the 27th. Day of January, 1803.

The Board proceeded to consider the communication of John Broome Esquire, and others relative to petitioning the Legislature of this State at their present Session for certain amendments to the Charter of this City.

Alderman Joshua Barker submitted the following Resolution, to wit:

Resolved, That this Board concur in opinion with John Broome Esquire, and others in their memorial presented to the Board on the 17th. instant, in the extension of the right of Suffrage in the Election of Charter Officers in this City, and that the said Election ought to be by ballot, and that this Board will make the necessary application to the Legislature the present Session to obtain the same as far as they on mature deliberation shall deem it expedient.

Mr. Caleb S. Riggs offered the following Resolution as a substitute for that submitted by Alderman Barker, to wit:

The Common Council of the City of New York, having taken into Consideration a communication made to this Board the 17th. Day of January, 1803, by John Broome and others as a Committee appointed by some of the inhabitants of this City respecting an application to the Legislature to alter the Charter thereof, and also sundry resolutions passed at a public meeting in relation to the said application to the Legislature and the alterations contemplated to be made in the Charter, and having maturely reflected

upon the same, and the Common Council having further attentively considered the question at large whether it is necessary or expedient at present to have the Charter of this City altered by the Legislature, the Board do not perceive that any reason has been, or can with propriety be offered for any alteration now taking place, founded on, or supported by considerations of public utility, or from an apprehension that the essential interests of the City will suffer from the lawful exercise of the present chartered rights, franchises of the Citizens.

It is perhaps inexpedient for the Common Council at this time to express any opinion as to the motives of those who appear solicitous to obtain alterations in the Charter, or to animadvert upon the means which have been used and are now pursuing to accomplish their views; suffice it to say, that experience sufficiently evinces not only inutility but real danger to be apprehended from frequent and important changes in Constitutions, laws and charters, and the evils will be incalculable whenever such changes are the offspring of political party differences, or dictated by the ambition of individuals.

Therefore resolved, That this Board deem it inexpedient at present to take any steps or to concur in any measures for the purpose of procuring any alterations in the Charter of this City.

Resolved, That the Mayor, or Recorder furnish a copy of the preceding to the Committee who made an application to the Common Council on the 17th. Day of January, 1803, respecting an application to the Legislature for altering the Charter of the City.

A division being taken upon the aforegoing Resolutions, the same were passed, as follows:

For the affirmative, Aldermen Brasher, Van Zandt, Oothout, Bogert, Ritter, Messrs. Morris, Stevens, Bogardus, LeRoy, Riggs.

For the negative, Aldermen Minthorne, Barker, Messrs. Crolius, Brevoort.

The following petition to the Honourable the Legislature was also read and carried by the same division.

To the Honourable the Legislature of the State of New York in Senate and Assembly convened.

The Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York, in Common Council convened, most respectfully represent.

That the Common Council have, through the medium of the newspapers printed in the city of New York and otherwise, been informed, and have reason to believe that certain persons in the city of New York have had meetings in order to concert measures to prevail on the Legislature at their present session, to interpose by law and alter the Charter of this city, thereby essentially to vary the rights and privileges of the Freeholders of the said city as the same now are and *of right ought to be* enjoyed, used and exercised.

The Common Council cannot but flatter themselves with a hope that the Legislature will not only discern the danger but impropriety of taking away the chartered rights and privileges of the city of New York without the concurrence of the Common Council, who represent the body corporate, and are charged with the preservation of its rights and privileges.

The Common Council deem it unnecessary to go into a detail of the measures which there is reason to believe are and for some time past have been pursued to prevail on the Legislature to interfere in this business even without the sanction or concurrence of this Board; much less do the Common Council think it expedient to express any opinion as to the motives which may actuate individuals in their attempt to effect this purpose.

Whatever may be their intentions, or the measures pursued by them, the Common Council cannot persuade themselves, that a view of the past will induce a belief that any such alterations in the Charter, as they

have reason to believe are now sought after by the promoters of these meetings, will be attended with beneficial consequences. Perfection in human institutions is not to be expected. And no law or charter is likely to be deemed faultless by every one who may be effected thereby. Frequent and important changes ought not to be considered as the least of the evils which may be experienced by the community.

It is more than half a century since the Charter of the City of New York was granted; and under the provisions therein contained, the city has not only increased in size and population, but, under the fostering care of the Magistrates, improvements both useful and ornamental have been made from time to time, and are still progressing. The revenues of the Corporation have been increased, and the rising commerce of the city, so interesting to the State at large, and which equals or perhaps surpasses that of any city in America, may be ascribed in some degree to the salutary regulations contained in, and authorized by the present Charter.

The Common Council beg leave further to state that as often as they shall discover *important* defects in the Charter they shall deem it their duty to communicate the same to the Legislature and ask their aid in providing a remedy for the same. But the Common Council are of opinion that at present Legislative interference with the Charter is at least unnecessary, and therefore hope that in the opinion of the Legislature it will be deemed altogether improper.

Alderman Barker gave notice that at the next meeting of the Board he intended to move for a reconsideration of the said petition.

At a Common Council held the 31st. Day of January, 1803.

Alderman Barker having submitted to the Board a motion that the petition agreed at the last meeting

to be presented to the Legislature against altering the Charter, be reconsidered, and having called a division upon the said motion it was lost in the manner following:

For the affirmative, The Recorder, Aldermen Barker, Minthorne, Messrs. Brevoort, Crolius.

For the negative, Aldermen Bogert, Oothout, Brasher, Van Zandt, Messrs. LeRoy, Stevens, Morris, Riggs, Bogardus.

Resolved, That the Memorial to the Legislature on the subject of an application for alterations in the Charter of this City, pass the Common Seal, and that one copy thereof under the Common Seal be transmitted to the President of the Senate, and another to the Speaker of the House of Assembly, and at least one other copy to the members of the Assembly from this City.

A correspondent has read with great pleasure the memorial from the Corporation of this city to the Legislature, against the necessity and propriety of altering the Charter. It may have the intended effect; but if it should not, the Corporation have done their duty, and they will be seconded by every reflecting man, in making a stand against those wretched democratic and disorganizing principles which have brought us into disgrace and confusion, and to the very brink of ruin.

The New York Gazette and General Advertiser, February 7th., 1803.

At a Common Council held the 14th. Day of February, 1803.

Alderman Barker having laid before the Board the reasons of the minority of the same for dissenting from the resolutions and petition adopted in relation to altering this Charter of the City as it respects the qualifications of the election of Charter Officers, upon

the question being taken whether the Clerk shall enter the same on the Minutes, the same was lost as follows, to wit.

For the affirmative, Aldermen Minthorne, Barker, Messrs. Brevoort, Crolius.

For the negative, Aldermen Ritter, Brasher, Oothout, Bogert, Messrs. Riggs, Morris, LeRoy, Stevens.

Protest of the Minority in the Corporation.

We, the undersigned Members of the Common Council of the City of New York, in common council convened agreeable to notice heretofore given and on mature deliberation, believing that in all representative and legislative bodies the minority have, as well for themselves as for their constituents, an indubitable right, on all occasions which they may deem of sufficient importance, to express the reasons by which they have been governed on any particular decision that may take place, in proper and decent language, and to demand that the same be entered of record on the minutes of the same.

Therefore, in consequence of our just and indubitable right, and for the reasons hereinafter assigned, we have dissented from, and do most solemnly protest against the decision of a majority of the said common council, on the 27th. of January, in the year of our Lord 1803, relative to a certain memorial presented to the said common council, on the seventeenth of the same month, by John Broome Esq^r., and others, as a sub-committee of the citizens of the city of New York, and properly delegated for that purpose, requesting the aid of the Common Council in an application to the legislature for an extension of the elective franchise in the election of charter officers for the said city of New York.

And also, against a certain memorial presented to the said Common Council by a member of the same,

which was also adopted, and ordered to be transmitted to the President of the Senate, Speaker of the House of Assembly, and at least one copy for the use of the members of the Legislature from this city; in order, as the undersigned have good reason to believe, if possible, to counteract one of the most salutary and beneficial measures that could, in all probability, have been devised for the tranquillity and welfare of the city, and also in a considerable degree to check that right, the most sacred of all others; that is, the right of petitioning; and that the governed may thereby lay their grievances fully before that authority which possesses full power to redress the same—and demand that this our protest, with the reasons particularly set forth, and hereunto annexed, be entered of record on the minutes of this day.

First, Because, in the opinion of the undersigned, the charter of the said city is susceptible of many useful, valuable and necessary amendments; and that the same ought to be so amended and improved as to be congenial with, and not repugnant to, a republican constitution and government; that is, taxation and representation ought to be inseparable, and that no body corporate ought to be possessed of any constructive power which, in the hands of contending parties, might tend to confuse and distract the councils of the same, and thereby put the police of so populous a city in jeopardy.

Second, Because, in the opinion of the undersigned, no power ought to be lodged in any body corporate, by which a majority of part of its constituent members could either proscribe or extend the lawful franchise of the same, and thereby exclude and prevent the election of any men, or set of men, and elect such only as the mayor and any four aldermen, for the time being, shall think the most proper for any sinister or other purposes, whereby the usefulness of the institution might be converted into any engine of tyranny and oppression, and the powers and privileges of the

citizens thereby arrested from them. The undersigned are therefore firmly of opinion, and fully persuaded, that bad as the said charter is, if the same was fully and strenuously now to be carried into effect, that most incalculable evils would thereby result, whereby penalties of considerable magnitude to many respectable individuals, and deprivation of gaining an honest livelihood to others, as well as a general inconvenience, would be the result. Therefore they most heartly concur in an opinion, which they have good reason to believe is in concurrence with the opinion of a large majority of the citizens of the city of New York, who contribute and are chargeable with the necessary burdens and expences of the same; that when the evils of any public institution, by carrying the powers of the same into full and compleat extension, are fully to be discovered, that the same ought to receive the correcting hand of legislative aid, and be thereby made subservient to the general good of all interested therein.

Because, in the opinion of the undersigned, the length of time since, and the government from and under whom the said charter was first granted, are sufficient to induce us to believe, and the course of events which have actually taken place since that period, have fully proved that the rights of the subject were not at that time so fully understood or sought after as in the present and more enlightened age; but it is most evidently to be discovered, that some of the most prominent features of the said charter are calculated as more congenial with a monarchial and kingly government, than with the more modern and plain republican institutions of the present day; whereby the rights and privileges of the citizens are more fully delineated and better understood.

Because, in the opinion of the undersigned, the said memorial has given full and unequivocal testimony of the unaccommodating disposition of the present majority of the common council, which appeared on very

different ground prior to the organization of the present board, in which the minority thought they had good reason to expect a continuation of the same accommodating spirit, and would, on a matter of so much importance, have endeavored, by conciliatory disposition and conduct, to have met each other on some reasonable arrangement, which would have been conceded to, and was actually proposed, by the minority for the same conciliating purpose.

Because, in the opinion of the undersigned, the actual experience of the year past has fully taught us to scan the lengths contending parties can go to effect their favorite schemes with the most plausible constructions, and both be conscious of being perfectly in the right, and also be backed by the most respectable source of legal information; wherefore the undersigned, under all the circumstances which have so loudly called for redress, and the mode in which the same has and is endeavored now to be effected, meets their entire approbation, and the gentlemen who have undertaken the arduous task are entitled to their highest esteem, and doubt not of its happy and salutary effects, like every other just and equitable claim, when sought for and obtained in that proper and constitutional mode. All which is submitted by, gentlemen, your most obedient, etc., in the minority.

Joshua Barker,
Mangle Minthorne,
Henry Brevoort,
Clarkson Crolius.

New York, February 14th., 1803.

Morning Chronicle, New York, February 19th., 1803.

To the Honourable the Legislature of the State of New York in Senate and Assembly convened.

The Memorial of the subscribers, being members of a general committee appointed by the citizens of the

city of New York, at a general meeting of the citizens, on the seventh day of January last, as appears from the proceedings of said meeting, a copy whereof is hereunto annexed.

Respectfully Sheweth—

That by the charter of the city of New York, the aldermen and assistants who are members of the common council of the said city, shall be elected by the freemen of the said city, being inhabitants thereof, and the freeholders of each respective ward.

That the said aldermen and assistants, together with the mayor and recorder of the said city, compose the common council thereof, and possess the power of making bye laws and ordinances for the regulation and government of the same.

That by the operation and construction of the elective franchise of the citizens under the said charter, a great proportion of the citizens who are effected by the laws and ordinances of the said common council, and who contribute to the support of the said city, have not any share in the representation in the councils of the same.

That inasmuch as on the one hand the freeholders of the said city by voting in every ward, if they have freeholds in the same, have elective rights far beyond what is consistent with the principles of a government founded upon the basis of equal liberty, so on the other the number of freemen is so very inconsiderable, that the great body of the people cannot under the charter be represented in the corporation of the same. It is too obvious to be denied, that the refusal of the freedom of the city to its regular inhabitants, is a source of great grievance, and invests the common council with full power, if so disposed, to convert the valuable objects of the charter into engines for promoting political views.

Living happily under the constitutions of a free government, and anxious for the preservation of re-

publican principles, your petitioners with concern lament that many of the said citizens are deprived of their most inestimable rights. The right of representation is the stronghold of every social privilege; it cannot be violated without endangering the principles of our government and the existence of our liberties.

Your petitioners do further state to your honourable body, that, in their opinion, the citizen, in exercising his privileges, ought to be wholly independent of the control of the magistrate. By the charter of making freemen is submitted entirely to the mayor and four aldermen. Thus a difference of opinion may be the means of withholding from the meritorious citizens an important right.

Your petitioners beg leave further to state to your honourable body, that the elections for charter officers in this city have hitherto been conducted not by ballot, but *viva voce.* The restraint which this mode of electing must produce upon the elector in exercising his privilege, is too obvious for us to use argument or shew the necessity of adopting the mode of election by ballot. Suffice it for us to say, the happy effects which this later mode has produced since the revolution, are sufficient inducements for preferring the same

Your petitioners do further respectfully represent to your honourable body, that although by the constitution and laws of this state and the United States, the qualifications of electors for members of the house of assembly of this state, and the house of representatives of the United States, is extended to every citizen who rents a tenement of the yearly value of five dollars, and who has contributed, by a regular assessment to the exigencies of the public. And although your memorialists have reason to believe that it is the wish of many of their fellow citizens that the elective franchise of the citizens of New York may be extended thus far, (still) your petitioners with confidence submit to the wisdom of the legislature for such an

extension of the elective franchise as the local situation of this city may be found to require.

Inasmuch as the economizing of time devoted to public business is as laudable as of that spent in private concerns, your memorialists further submit to the consideration of your honourable body, whether it would not be attended with beneficial consequences to the citizens of New York that the election for charter officers should be held at the time when and place where the annual elections for senators and members of assembly are held in the said city.

Your petitioners further beg leave to represent that they are persuaded it is the wish of a very great proportion of their fellow-citizens that the elective franchise of the citizens may be extended; and as a proof thereof, they humbly refer your honourable body to memorials presented to the legislature of this state at their last session, upon the same subject; which memorials were signed by several thousands of their fellow-citizens, and are now on the files of your honourable house.

Your memorialists further beg leave to state, that by the encrease of population in this city, several of the wards, in respect to the number of inhabitants, have become overgrown, and that others remain nearly stationary; and that the smallest ward in the city has a representation in the common council equal to the most populous ward. This your memorialists humbly conceive is repugnant to the system of election and representation, as contemplated by the constitution of this state. And they humbly submit to the consideration of the legislature, whether the wards of the said city should not be so equalized or increased in numbers, as that the inhabitants of each ward may be as nearly equal as the plan of the city will admit, and the representation from each ward thereby be created by the same equal means.

Your memorialists further beg leave humbly to represent, that relying on the reasonableness of the

wishes of their fellow-citizens, and the constitutionality of the mode pursued for the redress sought, they had a hope that the corporation of the city of New York would have co-operated with them in an application to the legislature on a subject which involves the dearest rights of freemen. They have been induced to address that board on the subject, but, contrary to your memorialists' most sanguine wishes, they have been disappointed; as will appear from a copy of the proceedings of the general committee, which is hereunto annexed, and to which your memorialists beg leave to refer.

Nevertheless, your petitioners humbly pray that your honourable body would take the importance of the subject under consideration, and grant such relief in the premises as in your wisdom you may deem meet. And as in duty bound, we will ever pray.

Morning Chronicle, New York, February 23d., 1803.

The bill lately passed concerning the amendment of the city charter, extends the elective franchise to all persons possessing a freehold worth fifty dollars, or a lease of seven years, of land or tenement, which lease is worth fifty dollars, or paying a yearly rent of twenty-five dollars, having been resident in the city one year, and paid taxes, such persons are entitled to vote for charter officers. It is provided, also, in the said act, that the elections shall be by ballot, held for the space of two days; and that none shall vote out of the ward of which he is an inhabitant. A slight review of this amendment must convince us of its propriety and justice.

It is certainly no more than right, that every person who is bound by the decrees of any power, should have the privilege of choosing those who are to exercise this authority; and as the acts of the corporation bind householders as well as freeholders, it is certainly proper that the former should have an equal right

with the latter of choosing that body. Hitherto, however, this privilege has been almost exclusively in the hands of the wealthy; and those also persons who possess freeholds; a class which compose but a small part of the inhabitants of this city; for as to those who have received the liberty of the city, this power of the corporation has been so sparingly exercised, that a few aged individuals compose the whole of their number.

If we consider for a moment the charter itself, it must be evident, that it was designed that persons of the description now included, were to have equally with freeholders the privilege of electing charter officers. It was intended that industrious, reputable citizens, following a lawful occupation, paying taxes, and renting a tenement, should receive the freedom of the city. The power of granting this was vested in the corporation, because, as this body would be composed of characters chosen by their fellow-citizens for their integrity and usefulness, so they would be the most proper persons to judge what individuals were qualified for receiving this privilege. And it certainly must have been intended, that where no reasonable objections could be made to claimants, that it was their duty to grant their petition. If I am invested with the power of benefiting certain individuals, if they qualify themselves for receiving such benefits, it follows clearly, that when thus qualified, it is unjust that I should refuse; by doing so, I abuse the power which is placed in me.

The provisions made for voting by ballot, instead of *viva voce*, is a further improvement. Experience has shown that the latter mode was by no means free from restraint, and that individuals often, owing to peculiar situations in which they were placed, could not act with independence, and freely use that right, which is one of the most valuable in the possession of the people.

The restriction also included in the amendment of

the charter, requiring every person to vote only in the ward of which he is an inhabitant, is also reasonable and just. By this means the privilege will be equal; for it is certainly strange, that an individual who has property scattered throughout the different wards, should be enabled by means of this to vote in each. According to this arrangement, the balance of power is completely thrown into the hands of the wealthy, who may monopolize a number of votes, as if property thus situated was so circumstanced as to justify so great an extension of this privilege. If an alderman and his assistant, elected in a particular ward, had a right to do certain acts affecting the property in that ward, perhaps there might be some consistency in this doctrine. But when we know that every decree and regulation, as well for one ward as another, is determined by the corporate body, in common council convened, it is strange why and for what reason, founded in equity or justice, any individual should have ever possessed several votes, according to the situation of his property. This arrangement also often militated against this favourite maxim, which appears to have been the principle in this system, "that right should be in proportion to wealth." For many inhabitants, who are possessed of considerable property, have it compacted in one ward, thus affording them but one vote; while others, though possessed of little, have it so scattered as to afford them several in the election of charter officers. To remedy these defects, with many others which call for redress, is contemplated by the amendments of the city charter; and which, doubtless, as they are founded in justice, will be productive of the most salutary consequences.

Morning Chronicle, New York, March 23d., 1803.

Proceedings of the Legislature on the revision of the Charter, 1803.

In Assembly.

January 29th. Mr. W. Gilbert gave notice, that he would on some future day, move for leave to bring in a bill, entitled "An Act to equalize and increase the number of Wards in the City and County of New York."

February 4th. Mr. W. Gilbert, pursuant to notice by him for that purpose heretofore given, moved for leave to bring in a bill, entitled "An Act to equalize and increase the number of Wards in the City and County of New York." Leave being given, Mr. Gilbert brought in the said bill, which was read a first time and ordered a second reading.

February 11th. Mr. Few gave notice that he should on some future day move for leave to bring in a bill entitled "An Act for the better regulating of the Election of Charter Officers within the City of New York; and for designating the qualifications of voters."

February 15th. A petition from Anthony Lispenard and others, inhabitants of the City of New York, praying for certain alterations in the Charter of said City, was read and the consideration thereof postponed until to-morrow.

A remonstrance from the Corporation of the City of New York, against the making of certain alterations contemplated in the Charter of said city, was read and the consideration thereof postponed until to-morrow.

Mr. Few, pursuant to notice by him for that purpose heretofore given, moved leave to bring in a bill, entitled "An Act for the better regulation of the election of Charter Officers in the city of New York, and designating the qualifications of Electors." Leave being given, Mr. Few brought in the said bill, which was read a first time, and ordered a second reading.

February 16th. The bill for a better regulation for

the election of Charter Officers, etc., was read a second time, and committed to a committee of the whole House.

A petition from Anthony Lispenard and others, of the city of New York; and a remonstrance from the Corporation of said city, both relating to the same subject, were called up and committed to a committee of the whole House when on the bill for a better regulation for the election of Charter Officers.

February 17th. A petition from John Broome, and a number of others, citizens of the city of New York, praying for the extension of the elective franchise in relation to the choice of Charter Officers in the said city, and the papers accompanying the same, were read and committed to the committee of the whole House when on the bills relating to the division of wards and qualifications of electors in the city of New York.

February 19th. The Committee of the whole House reported progress on the bill to increase the number of Wards in the city of New York.

February 21st. The committee reported the bill to increase the Wards in the city of New York. It was passed and ordered to be engrossed.

March 1st. The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill, entitled "An Act for the better regulation of the election of Charter Officers in the city of New York, and designating the qualifications of electors, and after some time spent thereon, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Wisner from the said committee, reported, that in proceeding on the said bill, and after the same had been read in the committee, the first enacting clause thereof was again read, and in the words following:

Be it enacted by the People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, That every free male person of the age of twenty-one years, being a citizen of this State, and who shall have resided in said city six months next preceding such election, and paid taxes within the same, and shall have rented

a tenement of the yearly value of dollars for the term of one year within the same, or shall be a leaseholder of any land or tenement, of the value of dollars, and who has been years in possession of the same, shall be entitled to vote for charter officers in the said city of New York.

That debates were had thereon, and the question having been put, whether the committee did agree to the said clause, it was carried in the affirmative [yeas 70, nays 19].

Mr. Wisner further reported progress, and asked for and obtained leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole House be discharged from the further consideration of the said bill, and that it be referred to a select committee, consisting of Mr. Few, Mr. Tompkins and Mr. Gilbert, to report the same complete.

A message from the Senate was received informing the House that the "Act to increase the number of Wards in the city of New York, and equalize the same," had been passed without amendment.

March 11th. Mr. Few, from the select committee to whom was committed the bill, "An Act to extend the qualifications of electors for Charter Officers in the city of New York, and for other purposes," reported, that the committee had gone through the bill, filled up the blanks, and agreed to the same, without amendment, which he was directed to report to the House; and he read the report in his place, and delivered the same in at the table, where it was again read, and agreed to by the House. *Ordered*, That the bill be engrossed.

March 12th. The engrossed bill was read the third time.

Ordered, That the said bill be recommitted to a committee of the whole House.

March 15th. The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill, entitled "An Act to extend the qualifications of electors for Char-

ter officers in the city of New York, and for other purposes;" and after some time spent thereon Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Wisner, from the said committee, reported, that in proceeding on the said bill, and after the same had been read in the committee, a motion was made, that the third blank in the first clause of the said bill should be filled up with the word "*fifty*."

That debates were had on the said motion, and the question having been put, whether the committee did agree to the same, it passed in the negative [nays 49, yeas 33].

That a motion was made, that the said blank should be filled up with the word "*forty*," and the question having been put, whether the committee did agree to the same, it passed in the negative [nays 47, yeas 33].

That a motion was made, that the said blank should be filled up with the word "twenty-five," and the question having been put, whether the committee did agree to the same, it was carried in the affirmative [yeas 53, nays 26].

That a motion was then made, that the said bill should be rejected; and the question having been put, whether the committee did agree to the same, it passed in the negative [nays 67, yeas 13].

Mr. Wisner further reported, that the committee had gone through the bill, made amendments therein, filled up the blanks, and agreed to the same, which he was directed to report to the House; and he read the report in his place; and delivered the same in at the table, where it was again read, and agreed to by the House. *Ordered*, That the bill be engrossed.

March 16th. The engrossed bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the bill do pass.

In Senate.

March 16th. A message from the Assembly was

received with the bill entitled "An Act to extend the qualification of electors for Charter officers in the city of New York, and for other purposes," which was read the first time, and ordered to a second reading.

March 17th. The bill was read a second time and referred to a committee of the whole.

[The bill was not acted upon after the reference].

Republican Meeting. At a meeting of several Republican Citizens from the respective Wards of this city, held at Martling's on Tuesday Evening, the 5th. of January, 1804, it was considered expedient to call a General Meeting of their Republican fellow citizens for the purpose of taking into consideration measures to promote their political and social interest. A meeting is therefore requested for the above purpose at the Union (late Adams') Hotel, No. 68 William Street, on Tuesday Evening next, at 6 o'clock.

William Boyd, Chairman,
Samuel Cowdry, Secretary.

Morning Chronicle, Monday, January 9th., 1804.

In pursurance of a notice to the Republicans in general, to meet last evening at the Union Hotel, to "take into consideration measures to promote their political and social interests," there was, we understand, a pretty numerous collection, both of Clintonians and Burrites. We are unable to state all the particulars; but such as we have received we communicate, and believe they are correct as far as they go.

From the curious manner of mentioning the object of the meeting in the papers, it is not to be wondered at, that great numbers came without understanding precisely what was intended. Some therefore cried one thing, and some another; for the assembly was confused; and the more part knew not wherefore they were come together. At length Mr. Osgood was chosen a chairman, and Mr. Wortman clerk. The

meeting now took some little shape and a motion was made by a leading Clintonian to adopt a certain memorial to the Legislature, of which the great object was to alter the Charter, so as to extend the elective franchise to all conditions of people. This was the original Clintonian proposition and was adopted; but others were then for going a step further in the great work of reformation and making the office of Mayor elective annually by the citizens at large, and that of Clerk of the Common Council to depend on appointment by the Corporation. This we understand was introduced by the Burrites as an amendment to the original motion, and after some eloquent speeches for it by Mr. Matthew L. Davis and other leading Burrites, and against it by Mr. Tunis Wortman and other leading Clintonians, was finally found to be so purely democratic, and smacks so much of liberty and equality, that the majority deserted their leaders and, to their extreme chagrin, voted for its adoption.

New York Evening Post, January 11th., 1804.

We find that in certain particulars, our information respecting the proceedings of the Republican Meeting on Tuesday evening was incorrect. It seems that instead of Mr. Wortman, Mr. Miller was the secretary, and that the Burrite amendment for the office of Mayor elective, was not carried; neither was it negatived; but a small committee of sixty-three was appointed to take into consideration the project of altering the Charter, and report at another meeting. But we shall attempt to give a more satisfactory view of the whole ground.

The following were in substance the Clintonian resolutions:

1st, That every person qualified to vote for the most popular branch of the Legislature should be entitled to vote for Charter officers.

2d, That the election should be by ballot.

3d, That the election for Charter officers should be held at the same time and place with the election for members of the Legislature.

4th, That no elector should vote out of the ward in which he resided.

5th, That there should be two inspectors of the election appointed, who should be sworn, whose return should be final and conclusive.

6th, That after receiving the returns of the inspectors, the Common Council should not, under any pretext whatever, interfere to set aside the election.

It was not thought advisable to make objections to either of the first five resolutions, and they were therefore permitted to pass in silence, but the last was objected to as being unnecessary, and was at length struck out. Then the Burrites proposed as an amendment to add to these following resolutions, which caused a very animated debate and gave rise to much good speaking, at least on one side.

1st, That the office of the Mayor of the city of New York should be elective annually, in the same manner as that of Aldermen, and that he should have a fixed salary in lieu of all perquisites.

2d, That the office of Clerk of the Common Council and Clerk of the city and county of New York, should be separate and distinct offices, and that the Common Council should have the power of appointing their own Clerk.

3d, That the licensing of Carmen, Grocers, etc., should be appointed by the Common Council, and not by the Mayor alone.

On this Wortman rose and said, really he had not made up his mind whether it was best that the office of Mayor should be elective or not, and he thought it most advisable, on the whole, to take time to deliberate.—He therefore moved that all this business should be referred to a committee to consist of sixty-three citizens, and who should be nominated and

appointed by Mr. Osgood, the chairman, and that their opinion should be conclusive. This was at first objected to on account of the mode of appointment, but the objection was withdrawn. However, the last part of it, equally indicative of cunning and of impudence, was successfully opposed, and instead of it the committee are to make a report to a meeting of the citizens at large. In the debate that followed, Mr. Swartwout spoke at great length. Having said that the sixth resolution was the production of an enthusiast, Mr. Wortman jumped up with "I, Mr. Chairman, I, sir, am that enthusiast; I am the author of it; I am the enthusiast, and hope I ever shall be in the sacred cause of liberty."—"I am sorry to hear it," Mr. S. went on, "an enthusiast, Sir, is but another name for madman;" and he followed up the blow so closely that Wortman retreated from the field without any attempt to support himself. In answer to what fell from Mr. Van Wyck, that the making of the office of the Mayor elective was repugnant to our State constitution, and that, in short, he considered the propositions of the Burrites as only introduced to embarrass and defeat them, Mr. Swartwout said, "he pitied the temerity of this young gentleman on account of his extreme youth," and called on him to know where he was in the year '98; a call which Mr. Van Wyck did not seem disposed to comply with, for he rose no more. As to the objection of Mr. S. Miller to making the office of Mayor elective, which was that elections were already so frequent that it took people away from their business and caused them great inconvenience, in proof of which he had mentioned the various bank elections, sugar-refiner elections, &c., he, Mr. S., said, surely this young man had forgot the principles on which republicanism, as understood by himself and his friends, was bottomed, *the frequency and freedom of elections;* and if Mr. M. thought that they were now to abandon all they had ever advocated, because it might be averse to the pleasure of a single

individual in power, he trusted he would find himself woefully mistaken.

Col. Willett said, he had always been accustomed to consider the Charter of this city in too sacred a light to be meddled with by the Legislature, but the Legislature it seems had thought otherwise; and since they had begun with it, he confessed he was for going further, and amending it thoroughly; on this principle alone he was in favour of making the office of Mayor elective.

The last Clintonian speaker, Mr. Judah, as soon as Dr. Smith had finished his oration, with a full measure of the *ore rotundo* rose, and with a view to show his wit and his shrewdness at the same time, moved that *no man should be permitted to speak longer than five minutes;* to which the Doctor smartly rejoined, that he moved as an amendment to the motion, that *no man in that meeting should be permitted to have more than a thimbleful of brains.* Down sunk poor Judah into his seat, and "word spake never more."

We are informed by some of those present, that it was the most diverting scene imaginable. The speakers on the Burr side were, Mr. J. Swartwout, Col. Willett, Mr. M. L. Davis, Mr. S. Smith, and Dr. Smith; opposed to these were, Mr. Van Wyck, Mr. Wortman, Mr. S. Miller and Mr. Naptali Judah—a very unequal contest, as every one must see, on the part of the latter. Taking the more popular side of the question too, it is no wonder that defeat pervaded the ranks of the Clintonians, and victory sat perched on the banners of the Little Band.

Further particulars are omitted for want of time and room and inclination.

New York Evening Post, January 12th., 1804.

At a late meeting of those calling themselves Republicans, William Boyd was turned out, and Samuel Osgood chosen Chairman. The Evening Post is incor-

rect in saying that Mr. Wortman was the new Secretary, and that he was one of the speakers. Mr. Wortman had prepared the business, and left it to be advocated by his tools or underlings. The great subject of consideration, and which drew forth some eloquent speeches, was to alter the character [Charter] of this city, so as to extend the right of voting to all conditions of people. An amendment was introduced by the Burrites; but there has not been time to obtain the most exact information.

New York Gazette and General Advertiser, January 12th., 1804.

A meeting of the republican citizens, was held on Tuesday evening, agreeable to public notice, for the purpose of considering the propriety of making certain alterations in the city charter.

At this meeting, a set of resolutions drafted by Mr. Tunis Wortman, clerk of the county and corporation, were handed to the chair.

Certain of those resolutions, the purport of which was the extension of the elective franchise, having been adopted without opposition, a gentleman rose and observed to the meeting, that the alterations now contemplated, did not go to a sufficient length, for the removal of those evils which the republican citizens had long felt, and of which they had frequently complained: that now was the period to strike at the root of those evils, and remove at once, other grievances, no less important than those for which they were providing remedies. He then went into a consideration of the office of Mayor of the City, showing the variety of trusts, privileges and perquisites attached to that office, explaining the manner in which he had it in his power to tyrannize over the whole body of *Carmen* in particular, as well as other very numerous classes of Citizens, and deducing from these observations, the propriety that a magistrate invested with such extensive powers, and to whom such important trusts were

confided, should be responsible to the people, over whom he was to preside: that he should be elected by the inhabitants of this city, in the same manner as the rest of the corporation, instead of being appointed to his office by the council of appointment of the state. He further advocated the propriety of fixing his salary at a limited sum proportioned to his services, instead of his being paid by perquisites which opened a door for oppressive exactions, and the amount of which could not be ascertained. He also stated his opinion, that the clerkships of the county and corporation, both of which are at present united in one person, should be separated, and that the clerk of the corporation should be appointed by that body, not by the council of appointment of the state as at present.

He was followed and supported by several other republican citizens, who have been designated by the appellation of the *little band*. They were strenuously opposed, by Mr. Tunis Wortman and several other of the followers of Mr. DeWitt Clinton; but these latter, finding the sense of the meeting decidedly against them, grew rather less obstreperous in their opposition, and resolutions to the effect just mentioned were referred to a committee; which committee, the Clintonians moved, should be appointed by the chair (Mr. Samuel Osgood, the father-in-law of DeWitt Clinton, being the chairman). This was opposed by the *little band*, who contended that the committee should be nominated and appointed by the meeting. They, however, were induced to withdraw the motion, from an inclination to see how far certain of the Clintonians were prepared to go with their *cut and dry* proceedings, being also conscious, that the people would have an opportunity of deciding on the report of this committee; accordingly on their opposition being withdrawn, *another paper was handed to Mr. Osgood*, containing 63 names; the committee consisting of 7 from each ward. Mr. Osgood thereupon read over these

names to the meeting, as their committee. DeWitt Clinton's men had then the effrontery to move that the decision of this committee, whose names they had thus written beforehand, should be definite. The republicans rejected their proposition with suitable contempt, and they were given to understand, that the citizens would decide on the report of this committee at a subsequent meeting, which they were to convene as soon as they were ready.

It has long been a circumstance ardently desired by the republicans, that the elective franchise with respect to charter officers should be extended, and also, that the mayor of the city should hold an *elective* office. The latter is a point for which our most active and upright republicans have long and anxiously struggled; it is one supported by every principle of real republicanism, and it doubtless will only be opposed by the devoted friends of DeWitt Clinton.

An Elector.

Morning Chronicle, New York., January 12th., 1804.

As the members of the Legislature from this city soon depart to occupy their seats at Albany, there is no surprise at a meeting of the Republicans (as they call themselves) having been advertised by William Boyd and Samuel Cowdry; the one officiating as chairman, and the other as secretary. The members of Legislature have to receive their instructions, and matters to be so planned as that there may be a perfect concert between the hither and nether end of the State.

New York Commercial Advertiser, January 13th., 1804.

There will be another meeting of the democrats in which Samuel Osgood, and not William Boyd, will be Chairman, before the members of Legislature, from this city, depart for Albany. Positive instructions

will be given them, as to the grand question debated, and some ones of a secret nature, which they are to obey under pain of the displeasure of the great Mogul.

From the opposition made to the resolutions proposed by the Burrites, at the late meeting of the Republicans, it is easy to see the designs of the Clintonians. By the popular measure of extending the right of voting, they hoped to carry the next election; but when a resolution was offered to make the Mayor elective (the most essential thing of all) they were confounded, and made violent opposition. This touched the dagon of the party. On this they had no instructions, and they dare not appear without them. It may be expected now that the leaders of the Clintonians will order private meetings, and take their measures without consulting the Burrites.

New York Commercial Advertiser, January 18th., 1804.

Republican Notice. At a meeting of the Committee from the different Wards held at Martling's Tavern, William Boyd in the chair. On motion, resolved that a general meeting of our Republican Fellow-Citizens be requested on Tuesday evening the 31st. instant at the Union Hotel (late Adams'), No. 68 William Street, precisely at 8 o'clock, to hear the report of the said Committee.

William Boyd, Chairman,
William L. Rose, Secretary.

January 31st.

Morning Chronicle, January 31st., 1804.

Democratic Mob. The democrats, we understand, had another meeting last evening, on the old business of amending, or rather destroying, the Charter of the City. The meeting, we are told, exhibited the discord, the tumult, the zeal and the fury of a Parisian mob. To an uninterested observer, the scene, if not per-

fectly disgusting, must have been highly diverting. Such noise and confusion—such shouting and hissing, and clapping and clamoring—such quarrelling and breaking of windows, have rarely been witnessed. If the leaders are not already ashamed of their proceedings, they must surely, in a cooler moment, blush at the recollection of such disgraceful conduct.

At a former meeting, if we rightly understand the proceedings, a committee of sixty-three members was appointed to consider the expediency of petitioning the General Assembly, and (if the measure accorded with the views of the committee) to draft a memorial. This memorial was to be reported to a general meeting of Democratic Citizens. When the grand Committee met, it appeared that some of the members were for incorporating into the memorial, the propositions of the Burrites. This suited not the designs of the leaders. In their wisdom therefore, but without the consent or knowledge of *the people*, they formed, out of their number, a select committee of nine—"all chosen men," who are thoroughly initiated into the mysteries of the party. The select committee drafted a memorial, from which everything savouring of Burrism was excluded; and instead of reporting it to the general meeting, for the approbation of their fellow-citizens, such was their love for *the people!* they sent it forward to the seat of government. Last evening they reported that a memorial of some description or other had been drafted and sent to Albany; and moved that this report be adopted. What was meant by the motion to adopt this extraordinary Report, is not precisely understood. Thus, however, these *humble servants* of the *sovereign people* manage their own affairs, in their own way. And thus the deluded multitude are hoodwinked and wheedled into the adoption of a memorial which they have never seen, and of which they are totally ignorant. Surely they who appointed the committee had a right to see and examine the memorial; and had they the dignity and the

spirit of freemen, instead of sanctioning the spurious instrument, they would have spurned the unwarrantable proceeding.

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About six o'clock the company began to assemble, and at seven the business began. To attempt a delineation of the various motions or speeches that were made on the occasion would be impossible, for the continual hue and cry, raised when any of the Little Band attempted to speak, precluded the possibility of hearing the arguments of all the gentlemen on that side of the question. Whenever any favorite object of the Clintonians was brought upon the carpet, the ablest among their party were permitted to discuss the subject, peaceably and undisturbed; but no sooner did a Burrite presume to answer him, than "the question—the question," was reiterated from one end of the room to the other.

It was requested by Mr. David A. Dunham, in case of a division, that no Federalist would vote on either the one side or the other. He was followed by Citizen Warner, who insinuated that he had seen Federal gentlemen, then in the room, actively employed in opposition to the direct sense of the meeting. "We did not request the company of Federalists, Tories, &c.," said the same citizen, "we want none but Republicans." This gained him great applause. All this time Cheetham stuck in one corner of the room, as snug as a flea in a blanket, and ever and anon he "grinned horribly a ghastly smile."

While all this was going on in the upper end of the room, those at the lower end, who, by the by, could not repeat much of what their masters said, were bawling for the question, or an adjournment. About this time, Mr. M. L. Davis, a young man of some talents, and considerable vanity, mounted the rostrum, and was beginning a speech, previous to the questions being taken, when the hisses of the multitude brought him to a level with his fellow-citizens;

and it was insisted that no person be permitted to say anything more on the subject. A second time he rose, and he was again cried down. Now who would have thought that a *foreigner* would have attempted to palm his opinions upon the public, after the voice of an *American* had been rejected. Yet so it was—no sooner had Mr. Davis sat down, than behold!

"A Cheetham rises in the Senate brave!"

With confidence he mounted the senatorial car; but his stay was of short continuance; for no sooner did those lips of his prepare to utter the dictates of his heart, than he was hurled by the surrounding rabble from his lofty summit. And Wortman, too; yes, he was there.

After voting a petition to the Legislature, to regulate the factor of the State Prison, in his disposal of shoes by wholesale, instead of retail, an adjournment took place.

Never did I witness a more motley crew; and the universal disorder and irregularity which prevailed were sufficient to create disgust in the respectable men of their own party.

The conclusion was indeed laughable. After an adjournment had been carried, the Republicans were called upon to deposit with the committee one shilling each to defray the expenses of the room. No sooner was this request made, than the great body pushed for the door; and from 6 to 700 persons, I am informed, that about forty shillings were collected.

New York Commercial Advertiser, February 1st., 1804.

Republican Meeting. On Wednesday evening, agreeably to notice in the papers, an extremely large meeting of republican citizens was held at the Union Hotel. William W. Gilbert, Chairman, Samuel Courd-

ney, Secretary. This meeting was an adjourned one from that held on Tuesday, the 10th. ult.

To the utter astonishment of every rational man, the committee, whose names had on that former evening been previously prepared, and were read off from a piece of paper by the chairman, reported that they had taken the liberty of deciding finally on the subject—that they had transmitted a memorial to the legislature entirely omitting those resolutions respecting the office of Mayor; and that now the business was done, the citizens were at liberty to decide.

Considerable debate took place, in which the subject of the following resolutions was discussed.

1. "Resolved, That the office of Mayor of this city ought to be elective, and that he ought to have a fixed salary in *lieu* of all perquisites."

2. "Resolved, That the appointments of cartmen, retailers of liquor, &c., ought to be made by the council of appointment; and not as at present, discretionary with the Mayor: and that each applicant should pay for license the sum of cents."

3. "Resolved, That the office of city and county clerk should be held by different persons, and that the common council should have the appointment of their own clerk."

In the course of the ensuing debate, those who opposed these resolutions were heard by their adversaries with silence and attention; but when any person rose to advocate the principles contained in these resolutions, there was a constant noise and tumultuous opposition made by their opponents. Attempts had been employed to pack the room with a number of noisy and riotous characters; men destitute even of citizenship, who were brought in squads to excite disturbance. To these were added all the petty office-holders of the city, who had been taught that they must support the dignity and influence of the mayor, their patron, at all hazards; these men, without regard to decency, made every effort, by hooting and stamp-

ing, to prevent any arguments being offered by the citizens friendly to the resolutions; as also to frighten timid minded men from expressing the same opinions.

A question at last came up which tried the strength of the two parties—that is, the republicans or *little band*, as they have been termed, but who are now a numerous and powerful host, on the one side, and the partizans of DeWitt Clinton, or *banditti*, as they are termed, with their associates, on the other. The question was predicated on the amendments proposed for the charter, and was as follows:

"Resolved, That in the opinion of this meeting, the office of mayor of the city of New York ought to be elective."

On this question the junto, headed by Mr. Cheetham, Mr. Wortman and Mr. Edward Ferris, the flour inspector, supported by the whole tribe of petty office-holders, and the crowd of riotous people whom they had introduced, were in the negative. Yet, notwithstanding the measures they had taken to pack the room with their creatures, and to frighten people from voting by their noise, a majority was decidedly in favor of making the Mayor elective, when the question was taken by Ayes and Noes. The chairman, however, chose to take it again by holding up of hands. This last question was neither heard nor understood by half of the meeting, and on this division the question was lost.

At all events, admitting that it was *fairly* lost, on this last mode of taking the question, it follows that the partizans of Mr. DeWitt Clinton have been brought from behind the mask, and made at last to show their real views, and wishes. They have pronounced a public and unqualified opinion "*That the office of Mayor of this city ought not to be elective.*" They have thus abandoned the true republican principle for which we have ever fought. And for what? To aggrandize an ambitious individual. To deprive the people of their dearest rights, as Aaron did the

Israelites of their most precious jewels of old, for the purpose of decorating *a golden calf*, which they expect the citizens of New York to fall down and worship.

An Elector.

Morning Chronicle, New York, February 2d., 1804.

Charter of the City. It is said that the bill altering the qualifications of electors for charter officers has passed the Senate with an amendment, making the renting of a tenement of the yearly value of twenty-five dollars, instead of five fixed by the lower House, the qualification, in point of property, of a voter. This alteration renders it necessary to return the bill to the Assembly, by whom it must be agreed to before it is sent to the Council of Revision. There can be little doubt of its finally becoming a law, and our Charter being thus at an end.

New York Evening Post, April 2d., 1804.

Charter Bill. The bill altering the mode of election prescribed by the Charter of this City, has become a law of this State notwithstanding the objections made by the Council of Revision. It was carried in both houses by more than the requisite numbers, 71 voting in favor of it in the Assembly and 16 against it; and in the Senate 21 in favor of it and 5 against it. The whole strength of the prevailing party appears to have been brought to bear on this question in obsequious obedience to the commands of His High Mightiness who presides over our City. The pretended republicans of the day bow with submission to the arbitrary dictates of this pride-swollen chieftain; in this consists the essence of that independence of sentiment of which they make such an everlasting prattling. Blessed republicanism, where the orders of one man are to be implicitly obeyed,

without ever stopping to enquire whether they are right or wrong! It is enough for these subtle patriots, that D[eWitt] C[linton] has proclaimed his sovereign will and pleasure, and all opinion of their own vanishes; all exercise of intellectual powers is at an end. Accordingly we find men voting for this bill, who a year ago reprobated it as the greatest evil that party violence could produce. What is the inference? Why, that his Honor the Mayor wants a more pliant council, and one who will bend to his nod, and become the instruments of his vengeance. Hence it is that the Charter is destroyed, and one of the most "salutary principles of our Government" prostrated.

We are informed that Chief Justice Lewis and Judge Spencer were the only two members of the Council who voted for the bill; from Governor Clinton it met with his decided disapprobation. He yet retains too sacred a regard for chartered rights to offer them up a wanton sacrifice to his party; not even the powerful consideration of aiding the views of his hopeful nephew, could prevail on him to assent to a measure pregnant with mischiefs to this city, which every day's experience will unfold.

New York Evening Post, April 10th., 1804.

Proceedings of the Legislature on the revision of the Charter, 1804.

In Assembly.

February 6th. The Memorial of the general committee, in behalf of the citizens of the city of New York, praying for the extension of the elective franchise, in relation to the choice of Charter officers, and for other improvements in the Charter of the said city, was read and referred to a select committee, consisting of the members attending this house from the city and county of New York. [Henry Rutgers, Solomon

Townsend, George Clinton, Jr., James Warner, William Few, Peter H. Wendover, Peter A. Schenck, Samuel Bradhurst and Peter Curtenius.]

February 8th. Mr. Few, from the committee to whom was referred the memorial of the general committee of the republican citizens of New York, praying for the amendment of the charter of the said city, reported as follows:—

That they had taken the said memorial into mature consideration, and are unanimously of opinion, that the grievances therein complained of call for legislative redress; and have therefore directed their chairman to ask for leave to bring in a bill for that purpose. *Ordered*, That leave be given accordingly.

Mr. Few, pursuant to leave, brought in the said bill, entitled "An Act relative to the election of Charter officers in the city of New York," which was read the first time, and ordered a second reading.

February 9th. The bill was read a second time and committed to a committee of the whole.

February 13th. The remonstrance of the Corporation of the city of New York, against the contemplated amendments to the Charter of the said city, was read, and referred to the committee of the whole, when on the bill.*

February 21st. Ordered, That the bill, entitled "An Act relative to the election of Charter officers in the city of New York," be made the order of the day for Tuesday next.

February 28th. The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill relative to the election of Charter officers in the city of New York, and after some time spent thereon, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Looker, from the said committee, reported progress and asked for and obtained leave to sit again.

February 29th. The House again resolved itself

* This was the same memorial presented at the previous session, see page 314. It was published by order of the Common Council in the newspapers of the city.

into a committee of the whole on the bill, and after some time spent thereon, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Looker, from the said committee, reported, that in further proceedings on the said bill a motion was made, that the same should be rejected.

That debates were had on the said motion, and the question having been put thereon, it passed in the negative [nays 71, yeas 10].

Mr. Looker further reported progress and asked for and obtained leave to sit again. *Ordered*, That the said bill be made the order of the day for to-morrow.

March 1st. The house again resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill for the election of Charter officers, and after some time spent thereon, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Looker, from the said committee, reported that in further proceedings on the said bill, Mr. Wisner made a motion, that the committee should agree to a clause in the words following, to wit:

And be it further enacted, That the Mayor of the said city shall receive, as a compensation for his services, in lieu of his fees and perquisites he now receives, the sum of to be paid quarterly by the Chamberlain of the said city; and that the Clerk of the city and county of New York shall receive, as a compensation for his services, in lieu of the fees and perquisites he now receives, the sum of to be paid quarterly by the Chamberlain of the said city; and that the said Mayor and Clerk of the said city shall continue to receive all such fees and perquisites as they have heretofore been accustomed to receive, and shall keep an account thereof, and shall exhibit such account quarterly to the Common Council of the said city; who, having examined and filed the same in the office of the Chamberlain of the said city, the said Mayor and Clerk shall respectively pay the amount thereof to the said Chamberlain, all which monies shall be applied to the public use of the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the said city of New York.

Then Mr. Wendover moved the previous question on the said clause, *viz.*—Shall the main question be now put?

That debates were had thereon, and the question having been put on the said motion, it was carried in the affirmative. [Yeas 64, nays 13.]

The question having been put, whether the committee would agree to the said clause, it passed in the negative. [Nays 60, yeas 18.]

That a motion was made to fill up the blank in the fifth section of the said bill, with the words *twenty-five*. That the question having been put thereon, it passed in the negative. [Nays 58, yeas 22.]

That a motion was made, that the said blank should be filled up with the word *twenty*. That the question having been put thereon, it passed in the negative. [Nays 56, yeas 22.]

That a motion was made, that the said blank should be filled up with the word *five*. That the question having been put thereon, it was carried in the affirmative. [Yeas 60, nays 13.]

Mr. Looker further reported progress, and asked for and obtained leave to sit again.

March 2d. The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill, entitled "An Act relative to the election of Charter officers in the city of New York," and after some time spent thereon, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Looker, from the said committee, reported, that the committee had gone through the bill, made amendments, added clauses, filled up the blanks, and agreed to the same; which he was directed to report to the house: And he read the report in his place, and delivered the same in at the table, where it was again read and agreed to by the House. *Ordered*, That the bill be engrossed.

March 5th. The engrossed bill was read the third time. *Resolved*, That the bill do pass. *Ordered*, That Mr. Hunter and Mr. Kennedy, deliver the bill to the honorable the Senate, and request their concurrence.

March 29th. A message from the honorable the Senate, delivered by Mr. Van Bergen and Mr. Van Schoonhoven was read, informing this House, that the Senate have passed the bill, with amendments therewith delivered.

The bill and amendments having been read, and the amendments having been again read, were severally concurred in by the House, and the bill amended accordingly.

Ordered, That Mr. Rutgers and Mr. Sanford, deliver the bill and amendments to the honorable the Senate, and inform them that this House have concurred in their amendments to the said bill, and have amended the same accordingly.

March 30th. The honorable the Senate returned by Mr. Van Scoonhoven and Mr. Van Vechten, the bill entitled "An Act relative to the election of Charter officers in the city of New York." *Ordered*, That Mr. Schermerhorn and Mr. Schuyler, deliver the bill to the honorable the Council of Revision.

April 4th. A message from the honorable the Council of Revision, delivered by his honor Mr. Justice Kent, was read, and is in the words following, to wit:

The Council object to the bill, entitled "An Act relative to the election of Charter officers in the city of New York," because the bill contains important alterations in the Charter of the said city, and it not appearing in the bill by recital, or otherwise, that the same were made upon the application, or with the consent of the parties interested, it is to be intended that they are made without such application or consent: And although it be granted, that such an interference would be justified by some strong public necessity, it is not to be presumed by the Council, that any such necessity exists in the present case, as none are recited in the bill, or appear from the provisions in it; and it has been considered as a settled and salutary principle in our government, that in all

cases where the ordinary process of law affords a competent remedy, Charters of incorporation, containing grants of personal and municipal privileges, were not to be essentially effected without the consent of the parties concerned.

Geo. Clinton.

April 5th. The House proceeded to the consideration of the objections of the honorable the Council of Revision to the bill, as entered on the journals of this House of yesterday.

The said objections having been again read, and considered, and the said bill having been read and re-considered, Mr. Speaker put the question, whether the said bill, notwithstanding the objections of the honorable the Council of Revision to the same, shall be a law of this State, and it was carried in the affirmative. [Yeas 71, nays 16.]

Thereupon-Resolved, That the said bill, notwithstanding the objections of the honorable the Council of Revision to the same, be a law of this State.

Ordered, That Mr. B. Thompson and Mr. J. Thompson deliver the said bill, objections, and a copy of the preceding resolution, to the honorable the Senate.

In the Senate.

March 5th. A message from the honorable the Assembly, delivered by Mr. Hunter and Mr. Kennedy, was received, with the following bill for concurrence, viz., the bill entitled "An Act relative to the election of Charter officers, in the city of New York," which was read the first time, and ordered a second reading.

March 6th. The bill was read a second time and committed to a committee of the whole.

March 27th. Mr. Taylor, from the committee of the whole on the bill, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

March 28th. Mr. Taylor, from the committee of the

whole, reported, that in proceeding in the said bill, and after the same had been read in the committee, Mr. Van Vechten made a motion that the same should be rejected, and the question having been put thereon, it passed in the negative. [Nays 20, yeas 6.]

That in proceeding further in the bill, a clause thereof was again read in the words following, *viz.:*

"*And be it further enacted*, That all persons who are qualified by the Charter of the said city, to vote for Charter officers, and every male citizen of this State, or of any of the United States, of the age of twenty-one years and upwards, who shall have resided in the said city for the space of six months preceding said election, and shall during that time have rented a tenement of the yearly value of dollars, and have paid any taxes within the said city, and is not disqualified by law, shall vote at such election for Charter officers, and shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of a Freeman of the said city."

Then Mr. L'Hommedieu made a motion, that the committee should agree to a substitute to the said clause, in the words following, *viz.:*

Whereas, By the Charter of the said city it is ordained, That no person whatever not being a free citizen of the said city, shall at any time use any art, trade, mystery, or occupation within the said city, liberties and precincts thereof, or shall by himself or others, sell or expose to sale any manner of goods, wares, merchandises, or commodities in any house, shop, place, or standing within the said city, or the liberties or precints thereof, (save in the time of public fairs:)

And Whereas, It is evidently the intention and spirit of the said Charter, that no person who is not a Freeman of the said city, should be permitted to carry on any art, trade, or merchandise within the same:—

And Whereas, Notwithstanding such prohibition and obvious intention, many wholesome inhabitants have moved into the said city, and have been permitted to carry on their arts, trades, mysteries, merchan-

dise and occupations, and have contributed to the public expenses and performed the duties exacted of citizens, without having been made Freemen of the said city, whereby its population and wealth have been greatly increased, and its arts and commerce promoted :—

And Whereas, Doubts do exist whether such citizens are entitled to vote for Charter officers, until they first have been made Freemen of the said city, according to the particular mode prescribed by the said Charter : Therefore,

Be it further enacted, That all persons qualified by the Charter of the said city to vote for Charter officers, and all persons who have resided for the space of one year before the passing of this act, or who for the space of six months thereafter shall reside in the city of New York, and who have used any art, trade, mystery, or occupation within the same, or have exposed to sale any manner of goods, wares, merchandises or commodities in any house, place, shop or standing thereof, for the term aforesaid (save in the times of public fairs) without any penalty or forfeiture having been exacted of him or them therefor, by the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the said city, shall be considered and taken as a free citizen of the said city, as by the the tacit consent of the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty, and shall be entitled to vote for the Charter officers, and enjoy all other rights, privileges and immunities belonging to Freemen of said city :—

Provided nevertheless, That no person shall vote at any such election except in the ward in which he shall actually reside, and that no person shall be deemed and taken to be a Freeman of the said city aforesaid, who has not for six months next, and immediately preceding the election, rented a tenement of the yearly value of dollars within the said city, and who shall not have taken and subscribed an oath before the Mayor, Recorder or an Alderman of the

said city, and caused the same to be filed in the office of the Clerk of the said city, in the words following, to wit.

I, of the ward of the city of New York, do solemnly and sincerely swear and declare, that I have resided in the said city for the space of one year immediately previous to the first day of April, 1804, and now am a resident in the said city (or if the residence commenced after the said 1st. of April, 1804,) then for the space of six months immediately preceding the date hereof, and that I have for the aforesaid space of one year (or six months, as the case may be) actually and openly carried on in the said city, the art, trade, mystery or occupation (as the case may be, naming the particular art, trade, mystery or occupation of such person) without any fine or penalty having been exacted of me for the same, by the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the said city.

That the question having been put, whether the committee did agree to the said substitute, it passed in the negative. [Nays 16, yeas 7.]

Mr. Taylor further reported, that the committee had gone through the bill, made amendments, and agreed to the same; which he was directed to report to the Senate: And he read the report in his place, and delivered the same in at the table, where it was again read, and agreed to by the Senate.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed.

March 29th. The bill with the engrossed amendments was read the third time.

The President put the question whether the bill should pass, and it was carried in the affirmative. [Yeas 17, nays 6.]

Thereupon, *Resolved*, That the bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. Van Bergen and Mr. Van Schoonhoven, deliver the bill with the amendments to the honorable the Assembly, and inform them that the Senate have passed the bill with the amendments therewith delivered.

The honorable the Assembly returned by Mr. Rutgers and Mr. Sanford the bill, informing that they had concurred in the amendments of the Senate to the said bill, and had amended the bill accordingly. The amended bill having been examined, *Ordered*, That Mr. Van Vechten and Mr. Veeder, return the bill to the honorable the Assembly.

April 5th, A message from the honorable the Assembly, delivered by Mr. B. Thompson and Mr. J. Thompson, was received, with the bill, together with the objections of the Council of Revision.

The Senate having considered the said objections, and also re-considered the said bill, Mr. President put the question whether the said bill (notwithstanding the objection of the honorable the Council of Revision to the same) should become a law of this State, it was carried in the affirmative by more than two-thirds of the members present. [Ayes 21, nays 5.]

Thereupon—*Resolved*, That the said bill, notwithstanding the objections of the honorable the Council of Revision to the same, become a law of this State.

An Act relative to the election of Charter Officers in the city of New York.

Passed April 5th., 1804.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of New York, represented in senate and assembly, That the anniversary election for charter officers to be chosen in and for the city of New York, shall commence on the third Tuesday of November in every year, and that all such elections shall be by ballot, and may be continued by adjournment from day to day, for two days successively including the first: and that all officers so chosen, shall be sworn into and commence the duties of their respective offices, on the first Monday of December thereafter.

And be it further enacted, That the Mayor, Alder-

men, and Commonalty of the said city, shall, on such day in the month of November in every year, as to them shall seem meet, at least eight days before the annual election above established, fix upon a proper place in each of the wards of the said city, where such election shall be held, and shall nominate and appoint three fit and discreet persons, residents and electors thereof, inspectors of the said election; and further, that in case any one or more of the said inspectors shall die, remove out of the said city, refuse to serve, or be rendered incapable of attending any of the said elections before, or on the day on which the same is to be held, that it shall be lawful for the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty in every such case, and they are hereby required, to appoint another such person or persons in the room of the person or persons before appointed. And in case the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty, shall neglect or refuse to make such appointment, it shall be lawful for the Mayor of the said city, and he is hereby enjoined, to appoint such other inspector or inspectors.

And be it further enacted, That the inspectors of each ward, whenever an election is to be held therein, shall by writing under their hands, to be fixed up in at least five of the most public places in such ward, give six days notice of the time and place, when and where, the said election is to be held, and at the time and place of opening such election. The said inspectors shall publicly administer to each other, and severally take the following oath or affirmative: "I, —— ——, do solemnly and sincerely declare and swear (or affirm), in the presence of Almighty God, that I will in all things, honestly, faithfully and impartially, and according to the best of my knowledge and abilities, execute the office of Inspector of this election; and that I will faithfully and impartially canvass and estimate the ballots taken at the said election, and certify a true and just statement of the same according to my best understanding; and if I

shall discover any other person or persons who shall attend with me for the purpose aforesaid, conduct himself or themselves partially, unduly, or corruptly in the premises, that I will divulge or discover the same, to the end that the persons so offending may be brought to justice."

And further, That in each ward the inspectors shall appoint one competent clerk of such election, who shall keep a poll list of the same under the direction of the inspectors, and shall take the following oath, to be administered by the said inspectors. "I, —— ——, do solemnly and sincerely declare and swear, that I will faithfully, truly, honestly and impartially keep the poll list of this election, and in all things, according to the best of my knowledge and abilities, will do and perform my duty as a clerk thereof." And the said clerk shall be allowed for his services at the rate of two dollars per day. And the said inspectors shall preside at said election, and conduct and direct the same according to the regulations of this act, and be the returning officers thereof, in manner hereinafter directed. And the inspectors and clerk being sworn as aforesaid, the said inspectors shall cause proclamation to be made three times as follows, viz: "Hear ye! hear ye! hear ye! the poll of this election is opened, and all manner of persons attending the same, are strictly charged and commanded, by the authority and in the name of the people of this state, to keep the peace thereof during their attendance at this election, upon pain of imprisonment," which proclamation shall be repeated at every opening of the poll, after an adjournment thereof; and proclamation of every such adjournment and closing thereof shall also in like manner be made. Provided always, that the proclamation by which the same shall be closed, shall be preceded three hours before, by a proclamation notifying the same will be closed. And the poll of every such election shall be open in the day time only, between the rising and setting of the sun, and shall be

opened at or before ten o'clock in the morning of every day on which the said election shall be held.

And be it further enacted, That all persons who are qualified by the Charter of the said City to vote for Charter officers; and every male citizen of this State, or of any of the United States, of the age of twenty-one years and upwards, who shall have resided in the said city for the space of six months preceding said election, and shall, during that time, have rented a tenement of the yearly value of twenty-five dollars, and have paid any taxes within the said City, and is not disqualified by law, shall vote at such election for Charter officers, and shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of a Freeman of the said City. Provided always—

And it is hereby further enacted, That no person shall vote at any election, except in the ward in which he shall actually reside.

And be it further enacted, That every mortgagor or mortgagee when in possession of the mortgaged premises (and not otherwise) shall be deemed a freeholder within the meaning of this act. And that no person holding lands, tenements, or hereditaments in trust for any body politic or corporation, or for any pious use or purpose, shall thereby acquire or possess a right to vote.

And be it further enacted, That the mode of conducting every such election shall be as follows:—Every person who shall be qualified to vote at such election for Charter officers by virtue of this act, and shall offer himself to vote, shall at such election openly deliver his ballot to one of the inspectors; which ballot shall be a paper ticket, containing the name of a person for Alderman, and the name of a person for Assistant of the said ward, and the name of such other officer or officers as shall be to be chosen in the ward in which the elector shall reside, or such and so many of them respectively as he shall think proper to vote for, severally written on the same paper ticket,

designating who is voted for as Alderman, and who for Assistant, and the like for all the officers to be chosen at such election, and for whom the said elector shall think proper to vote; and the said paper ticket shall be so folded or closed as to conceal the writing thereon; and on receipt of every such ballot, the inspector shall cause the name of the elector to be entered in the poll list by the clerk, and shall cause the ballot, without suffering the same to be inspected, to be put into a box to be provided for the purpose, with a sufficient lock thereto, which box shall be locked, and the key thereof kept during the election by any one of the inspectors, selected by the majority of them; and a small hole shall be made in the lid or cover of the box, sufficient only to receive such ballot, and through which all ballots shall be put into the box, and which box shall be opened at the times hereinafter mentioned. And further, that on every adjournment of the poll, the poll list shall be examined by the inspectors, and every mistake shall be corrected according to their judgement; whereupon the box shall be opened, and the poll list put into it and locked up therein, and the key delivered to such one of the inspectors as the majority shall appoint, and the seal of one of them shall be put on the said box, so as to cover the hole in the lid thereof, and the box shall then be delivered to such other of the inspectors attending such election as a majority of them shall direct, who shall carefully keep the same, and shall, without suffering the same to be opened, or the said seal broken or removed, deliver the same box in at the election table at the next opening of the poll, in presence of all the spectators attending such election, when and where the seal shall be broken, and the box opened, and the poll list taken out, and the box again locked in order to proceed in the said election, which course shall be observed and pursued until the poll be finally closed.

And be it further enacted, That whenever any person shall present himself to give his vote or ballot at

any such election, as qualified by the Charter of the said city and this law, to vote for Charter officers; and either of the inspectors shall inspect, or any other elector in such ward shall challenge him to be unqualified for the purpose, the inspectors shall tender and administer to him the following oath or affirmation. "I, —— ——, do solemnly and sincerely swear (or affirm) that I am a freeholder, and that I hold my estate by descent or devise (if such shall be the case, and if he shall not so hold, then), and that I have been so for one month next, preceding this election, and possessed in my own right, or in my wife's right (as the case may be), of a freehold in the city of New-York, and that I do not hold the same in trust for any body, politic or corporate, or for any pious or religious use whatsoever; and that I have not procured the said freehold under any obligation or promise to convey the same to any other person after this election, or (as the case may be) that I am, and have been for three months last past, a freeman of the said city, and do actually reside in the said ward in which I now offer to vote (or as the case may be), and that I have for six months next, and immediately preceding this election, rented a tenement of the yearly value of twenty-five dollars within the said city, and have been rated, and actually have paid taxes within the same, and that I am now an actual resident in the ward in which I now offer to vote, and that I have not been polled before at this election." And that in case any elector shall refuse to take the oath so tendered to him, he shall lose his vote at such election. And if at any such election, an inspector shall receive the vote of any elector, who being tendered the said oath, shall refuse to take the same, such inspector shall, for each offence, forfeit the sum of twenty-five dollars to any person who will sue for the same, to be recovered with costs. And further, the said inspectors are hereby required to administer the said oath to any person who shall voluntarily offer to take the same.

And be it further enacted, That after finally closing the poll of any such election, the inspectors of the wards in which such election shall be held, shall proceed without delay, publicly to open the boxes containing the said ballots, and shall first count the said ballots unopened, and if the number of the ballots in the said box shall exceed the number of electors contained in the poll list, the said inspectors shall draw out and destroy, unopened, so many of the said ballots as shall amount to the excess, and the said inspectors shall then proceed to canvass and estimate the said ballots, and if two or more ballots are found folded or rolled up together they shall not be estimated: and the said inspectors shall complete the said canvass on the day subsequent to the closing of the poll, or sooner, and thereupon shall set down in writing the names of the several candidates for the respective offices, with the number of votes for each, and shall thereupon certify and declare who have the majority of votes for each respective office, and shall subscribe their names thereto, and by one of them, to be appointed for that purpose by a majority of them, shall immediately deliver the said certificate (the said inspectors keeping a duplicate thereof) to the clerk of the city, or his deputy, who shall record the same in a book to be kept for that purpose.

And be it further enacted, That if any person shall be guilty of any disorderly conduct at any such election, or during the time of the canvass and estimate aforesaid, the major part of the inspectors at such election are hereby authorized and required to commit the offender to the gaol of the said city, there to remain during the pleasure of the said inspectors, provided, that such imprisonment shall in no case exceed six hours after the canvass of such election shall be finished. And all Sheriffs, Under-Sheriffs, Constables and Gaolers, are hereby strictly charged and required to aid and obey the inspectors herein.

And be it further enacted, That if any of the Alder-

men, or other officers of the said city, chosen as aforesaid, shall refuse to serve, die, or remove out of the said city, before the expiration of the time for which he was chosen to serve in any such office; or shall not be legally qualified to serve in such office; then and in every such case, such office shall be deemed to be vacant, and the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty, in Common Council convened, shall order an election to be held to fill up every such vacancy, which shall be held, regulated and conducted in the same manner as is prescribed in this act for the anniversary election of Charter officers.

And be it further enacted, That if any of the said inspectors shall be guilty of any wilful neglect of the duties required of them by this act, or of any partial or corrupt conduct in the execution of the same, and be thereof convicted; every of them so offending and convicted shall forfeit and pay for every such offence the sum of five hundred dollars, to be recovered by action of debt, or by information in any court of record, the one moiety thereof to the use of any person who shall prosecute for the same, and the other moiety thereof to the use of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the said city; and if the prosecutor in any such suit shall prevail, he shall likewise recover his costs of suit against the person convicted; but if the person so proceeded against shall be acquitted, he shall recover double costs against the prosecutor, and no process shall issue to bring in the party accused, until bond be filed in the office of the clerk of the Court, out of which the process shall issue, in the penalty of two hundred and fifty dollars, with two sufficient freeholders as sureties, such as the court shall approve, to secure the defendant double costs, to become due on a discontinuance, withdrawing of the suit, or an acquittal, or neglect to bring the same to trial within five terms after the appearance of the defendant to answer the same. And further, that every person so convicted shall also suffer the

same pains and penalties, as in cases of wilful and corrupt perjury, and shall from and after such conviction be utterly disqualified to hold or enjoy any place of office in this state.

And be it further enacted, That whoever shall by bribery, menace, or other corrupt means or device whatsoever, either directly or indirectly, attempt to influence any elector of this city in giving his vote or ballot, or deter him from giving the same at any election within said city by virtue of this act, and shall thereof be convicted, such person so offending and convicted shall forfeit and pay for every such offence five hundred dollars, to be sued for and recovered by any person, and in the manner and under restrictions above prescribed, in actions to be brought for neglect of duty or corrupt conduct; one moiety of which penalty shall be recovered to the use of the person prosecuting for the same, and the other moiety thereof to the use of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the said city; and on such conviction, the person convicted shall forever thereafter be utterly disqualified to hold, exercise, or enjoy any office, or place of trust or profit, within this state.

And be it further enacted, That no officer, or other person, shall call out, or order any of the militia of the said city to appear, or exercise on any day during any election to be held by virtue of this act, except in cases of invasion or insurrection, on pain of forfeiting the sum of one hundred dollars for every such offence, to be recovered by any person who will sue for the same with costs; the one moiety of such penalty to his own use, and the other moiety thereof to the use of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the said city.

And be it further enacted, That it shall not be lawful for any officer or minister of justice to serve any civil process in the said city on any person entitled to vote at any election to be held by virtue of this act, on any day during such election.

And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for every person hereafter to be appointed Mayor of the said city at any time within twenty days after such appointment, to take the oaths prescribed by the Charter of the said city, to be taken by such Mayor, before such person or persons as may be appointed by commission, under the great seal of this state, in the nature of a *Dedimus Potestatum*, to administer the oaths required to be taken by persons holding offices under this state in the said city, instead of taking the oaths in the presence of three or more Aldermen of the said city.

And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the person administering the government of this state by and with the advice and consent of the Council of Appointment yearly, hereafter, to appoint the several Charter officers who are to be annually appointed at any time during the session of the legislature in every year, and every officer so appointed shall hold his office for one year from the time of his appointment, and until another shall be appointed and sworn in his stead.

And be it further enacted, That the collector of each ward shall, before he enters upon the execution of the duties of his office, give bond to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the said city, with such surety or sureties, and in such penalty as the Chamberlain or Treasurer of the said city shall deem sufficient, conditioned for the true and faithful performance of the office of Collector, and in case of his neglect or refusal so to do, his office shall be considered as vacant, and the Common Council order a new election.

And be it further enacted, That the act entitled, "An Act relative to the election of Charter officers, and relative to Weigh-masters in the city of New-York," passed the 7th. day of April, 1801, except the last section thereof, shall be, and the same is hereby repealed.

State of New-York, }
Secretary's Office. }

I certify the preceding to be a true copy of an act of the Legislature, now on file in this office.

Arch'd M'Intyre, Dep. Sec'ry.

Albany, May 16th., 1804.

At a Common Council held the 24th. Day of November, 1806.

John Hatfield,
James Drake, Merchant,
Jacob Mott, Grocer,
Samuel Torbert, Physician,
Samuel Cowdrey, Attorney at Law,
Joseph Bond,

appeared before the Mayor and Aldermen and took the oath as Freemen of the City of New York.

The corporation consists of the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen and Assistants; they possess the power of making Freemen of the said corporation; and all persons exercising trades, or following occupations, in the city (except in the public fairs), without first purchasing their freedom, are liable to be fined five pounds. Aliens are forbidden to be made Freemen of the city, until after they have been naturalized or denizenized. But this part of the Charter has, of late years, been but little acted upon. Freemen are seldom created; and no prosecutions are brought against those who carry on business without taking out their freedom.

The Picture of New York, by Samuel L. Mitchill, 1807.

At a Common Council held the 16th. Day of November, 1807.

Samuel Marsh, Shipwright, qualified as a Freeman of this City.

At a Common Council held the 10th. Day of October, 1808.

The petition of Joseph Burjeau (Shoemaker) and James Hardie, to be admitted Freemen of this City, was granted, who appeared and took the Freeman's oath prescribed by the Charter.

Alderman John Bingham, Merchant,
Alderman Jacob Mott, Grocer,
Alderman Thurston Wood, Auctioneer,
Alderman James Drake, Merchant,
Assistant John W. Mulligan, Attorney at Law,
Assistant Thomas I. Campbell, Lumber Merchant,
Samuel Cowdrey, Attorney at Law,
Jacob P. Roome, Carpenter,
Edward Moran, Merchant Tailor,

were respectively, on application, admitted Freemen and took the Freeman's oath.

At a Common Council held the 17th. Day of October, 1808.

The following persons, on application, were admitted Freemen of this City, and respectively took the oath prescribed by the Charter:

Josiah Shippey Junr., Teacher,
Andrew I. McLaughlin, Steward of Alms House,
Leonard Warner, Carpenter,
Israel Lewis, Carpenter,
John P. Roome, Sailmaker,
William I. Waldron, Grocer.

At a Common Council held the 24th. Day of October, 1808:

The following persons, on application, were ad-

mitted Freemen of this City, and respectively took the oath prescribed by the Charter:

Doctor John A. Graham, LL.D., Counsellor at Law,
Isaac A. Van Hook, Attorney at Law,
John Mooney, Shipmaster,
William P. Roome,
William L. Mott, Merchant,
Charles A. McPherson, Mason,
Oliver Hebbert,
Thomas Mooney, Grocer.

At a Common Council held the 14th. Day of November, 1808.

The following persons were admitted Freemen of this City and took the oath prescribed by Charter:

William Davison,
Isaac S. Douglass, Merchant,
Charles Freeman, Hairdresser,
Abraham Brouwer, Tailor,
Obadiah Sands,
Andrew Otterson, Tailor.

At a Common Council held the 20th. Day of February, 1809.

Daniel I. Ebbets, China Storekeeper,
Jacob S. Myers,

were admitted Freemen of this City, and severally took the oath prescribed by Law.

At a meeting of the Common Council held the 14th. Day of August, 1809.

William Devoe of the Ninth Ward, Cordwainer, was admitted a Freeman of this Corporation and took the oath prescribed by the Charter.

At a meeting of the Common Council held the 6th. Day of November, 1809.

Roswell Graves, Merchant, William Welling, Inspector of Beef and Pork, and John A. Harding were admitted to the Freedom of this City, and severally took the oaths prescribed by the Charter.

At a meeting of the Common Council held the 27th. Day of November, 1809.

Benjamin C. Stevens was admitted to the Freedom of this City and took the oath prescribed by the Charter.

At a Common Council held the 18th. Day of November, 1811.

Josiah Hedden, Attorney and Counsellor at Law, was admitted a Freeman of the City and took the oath prescribed by the Charter.

At a Common Council held the 10th. Day of August, 1812.

Resolved, In consideration of the high sense entertained by the Corporation of the City of New York, of the important and beneficial services rendered to the United States in general, and more particularly to interests and accommodation of this City, by his invention and improvements in Steam-Boat navigation, that the Freedom of this City be presented to Robert Fulton Esq.

At a Common Council held the 7th. Day of September, 1812.

The Common Council of the City of New York considering a Naval establishment all important to

the protection of our Commerce and to the defense of our country, and viewing the recent capture of the British Frigate Guerriere, by the American Frigate Constitution, as not only illustrating the advantages of a navy but as reflecting the highest honor on the intrepidity and skill of Captain Hull, his Officers and crew, Esteem their duty as the municipal Government of this great Commercial City, to express their sentiments on this occasion, and to present the thanks of the Citizens of New York to the gallant officers and seamen who achieved this brilliant victory, and they

Resolve, That the Freedom of the City be presented to Captain Hull, in a Golden Box with an appropriate inscription. And that His Honor, the Mayor, be requested to forward the same with a copy of these Resolutions.

At a Common Council held the 14th. Day of September, 1812.

Resolved, That as an additional tribute of respect from this Corporation to Captain Hull, he be requested to honor them with a sitting for his portrait to be deposited in the picture gallery of the City Hall, and transmitted to posterity as a memorial of the high sense entertained by this Corporation of the brilliant victory obtained by the United States Frigate Constitution, under his command, over the British Frigate Guerriere, Captain Dacres, in his action on the 20th. August, 1812.

At a Common Council held the 30th. Day of November, 1812.

Resolved, That an elegant sword be presented to Capt. Jacob Jones, late of the United States Sloop of War Wasp, and also the Freedom of this City, as a testimony of the high opinion this Common Council

entertain of his gallant conduct in capturing the British Sloop of War Frolic.

And that the thanks of this Board be presented to his brave Officers and Crew.

At a Common Council held the 7th. Day of December, 1812.

Robert Fulton Esq^{r}., to whom the Common Council had by a former Resolution granted the Freedom of the City, attended, and took the oath prescribed by law.

At a Common Council held the 17th. Day of December, 1812.

The Hon. De Witt Clinton, Mayor, President. His Honor the Mayor informed the Board that an official account having been received of the capture of the British Frigate Macedonian, by the U. S. Frigate United States, and that the Commodore was expected daily to arrive in this port with his prizes, and presuming it would be the wish of the Common Council to express their own and the feelings of their fellow Citizens on this achievement so honorable to the naval character of our country, he had for that purpose summoned them together.

He then presented the following Resolutions for their consideration, which having been read were unanimously adopted:

In testimony of the high sense which the Common Council entertain of the gallantry, skill and patriotism of the Captain, Officers and crew of the Frigate United States in the capture of the British Frigate Macedonian, an event which has added new laurels to the triumphs of American heroism, and which is all important to the great commercial Interests of the

Union in its practical illustration of the utility, and its enforcement of the necessity of a Navy,

Resolved, That the Freedom of the City in a Gold Box be presented to Commodore Decatur, and that his Portrait be procured and set up in the Gallery of portraits belonging to the City, and that the thanks of the Common Council be presented to his officers and crew, who were concerned in this brilliant achievement.

And as an additional testimony of respect to the naval officers who have on this as well as two other occasions vindicated the honor of our country, *Resolved*, That Aldermen Fish, Wendover and Mr. Lawrence be a Committee to make suitable arrangements in concurrence with our fellow citizens for a public Dinner to Commodore Decatur, Captains Hull and Jones.

Resolved, That on the arrival of the Frigate United States, and her prize in this port, the national Flag be displayed on the City Hall. That Brig. Gen. Morton be requested to cause a national salute to be fired by a detachment from his Brigade. That the Vessels in the Harbour hoist their colors Mast high, and that the Bells in the City be rung for one hour on the occasion.

Resolved, That this Board will, with the concurrence of Commodore Decatur, give the Warrant officers and crew of the Frigate United States a Dinner on board the Ship.

At a Common Council held the 28th. Day of December, 1812.

The Board assembled in the Mayor's Office. The Hon. DeWitt Clinton, Mayor, President.

Upon motion the Common Council adjourned to their Chamber, for the purpose of conferring upon Capt. Isaac Hull of the United States Frigate Consti-

tution the Freedom of the City, agreeably to a former Resolution.

It being announced that Captain Hull was in waiting, a Committee, consisting of Alderman Fish, Mr. Lawrence and the Clerk of the Common Council, were deputed to introduce Captain Hull into the Common Council Chamber.

This was accordingly done, when his Honor addressed Captain Hull as follows :

Sir :

In behalf of the Common Council I have the Honor of presenting you with the Freedom of this City, and Communicating their high sense of the courage and skill displayed by yourself, your officers and crew in the capture of the British Frigate Guerriere.

Deeds of valor and achievements of glory are, at all times, cherished by patriotism and rewarded by true policy, but when we consider that our recent victories on the ocean have exhibited the American character in the most interesting light; have created a new character in the annals of naval warfare, and have been the principal means of establishing our navy on a respectable and permanent basis, it must be universally admitted that actors in these scenes of heroism are pre-eminently entitled to the gratitude of their Country. That Commerce is essential to our prosperity, that it cannot flourish without protection, and that it cannot be protected without a navy, are truths too evident to be denied, and too important not to be appreciated by the intelligence and public spirit of America.

We cannot withhold on this occasion our approbation of your generous and benevolent treatment of the vanquished; it demonstrates the natural alliance between courage and humanity, and in mitigating the calamities of war, it reflects honor on our national character.

The Freeman's oath, as prescribed by Law, was

then administered to Captain Hull by the Mayor, and the certificate thereof enclosed in a superb Golden Box prepared with suitable Emblems were delivered to him.*

Captain Hull expressed the deep sense he felt at the honors thus conferred upon him. That Box and its highly valued contents, he pledged himself to preserve as an incentive to his zealous and most strenuous exertions in the cause of his country wherever future good fortune should afford him an opportunity. To have it believed, he said, by so highly respectable a body as the Corporation of the City of New York, that an action of his had contributed to so desirable an event as the establishment of a navy on a permanent Basis, was a source of pleasing reflection which would only cease with life.

After which Captain Hull retired.

At a Common Council held the 1st. Day of March, 1813.

In testimony of the high sense entertained by the Common Council of the gallantry and skill of Commodore William Bainbridge and his Officers and Crew on board the United States Frigate Constitution, in the late capture and destruction of his Britannic Majesty's Frigate, the Java, whereby new laurels have been acquired by our gallant navy; and a new instance afforded of the practical utility of that kind of defense, for the protection and encouragement of the important commercial interests of our country; therefore

Resolved, That the Freedom of the City in a Gold Box be presented to Commodore Bainbridge, and that his portrait be obtained and set in the Gallery of portraits belonging to this City; and that the thanks

* The certificate of Freedom was elegantly engrossed on vellum, the gold box was richly embossed, and had a representation of the battle between the Constitution and Guerriere painted in enamel.

of the Common Council be presented to his Officers and crew who were engaged in this achievement so honorable to themselves and the nation.

At a Common Council held the 29th. Day of March, 1813.

Resolved, That his Honor, the Recorder, be requested to transmit to Commodore Bainbridge the resolution of the Board passed the 1st. instant, respecting the victory by him obtained, and the Officers and Crew of the United States Frigate Constitution.

Mr. Lawrence presented the following Resolutions, which were unanimously agreed to:

The Common Council of the City of New York being fully convinced that a Navy establishment is important to the protection of Commerce and to the defense of our Country; and viewing the late capture of the British Sloop of War Peacock, by the American Sloop of War Hornet, as reflecting the highest honor on the intrepidity and skill of Captain Lawrence, his Officers and Crew; and being solicitous at all times to offer the meed of applause to those of our gallant officers who thus eminently deserve it, they avail themselves of the present occasion to present the thanks of Citizens of New York to the officers and crew who achieved this splendid victory.

Resolved, That the Freedom of this City be presented to Captain James Lawrence, together with a piece of plate with appropriate devices and inscription thereon, and that His Honor the Recorder [Pierre C. Van Wyck] be requested to present the same with a copy of this Resolution.

Resolved, That in testimony of the high sense the Common Council entertain of the conduct of the crew of the U. S. Sloop of War Hornet, by the capture of H. R. M. Sloop of War Peacock, in the unexampled short period of fifteen minutes, that the Common

Council will give a public dinner to the said gallant crew of the said Sloop of War Hornet.

At a Common Council held the 31st. Day of May, 1813.

The following Letters were laid before the Board, being answers to certain Letters written by the request of the Corporation to Captains Bainbridge and Lawrence.

Letter to Captain Bainbridge.

New York, April 2d., 1813.

Commodore William Bainbridge.

Sir:

It is with the highest satisfaction I communicate the enclosed Resolution of the Common Council of this City; you will receive it as one of those evidences of attention and gratitude which our Country is proud to shew to those who have so eminently distinguished themselves by their gallantry and valor, with my congratulations for the past, and my best wishes for your future success.

I have the honor to be, sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Pierre C. Van Wyck.

Letter to Captain Lawrence.

Capt. James Lawrence.

Sir:

It is with great pleasure that I execute the very flattering duty imposed on me by the Common Council in communicating to you the enclosed Resolutions.

The brilliant victory obtained by yourself and those under your command has afforded to that Honorable body another opportunity of manifesting their readi-

ness to distinguish merit, and bestow the highest compliment in their power upon one whom they consider so justly entitled to it.

Although it is unnecessary for me to add anything to the sentiments contained in their Resolutions, and fully conscious that to the feelings of brave men the applause of their country is the highest and most grateful of all rewards, yet I cannot but express a hope that a Harvest of Laurels will not be the only Book which the gratitude of a free nation bestows on its defenders.

The contemplation of American character, exalted and unrivalled Glory on the Ocean, ought no longer to be sullied by the reflection that those who have achieved it are treated with neglect, and that the proud impulses of Justice and Generosity are stifled by the calculations of political economists. With a tender of my sincere congratulations for your success and assurance of my perfect respect and esteem.

I am, Sir, your obedient Servant,
Pierre C. Van Wyck.

Answer of Captain Bainbridge.

U. S. Frigate Constitution.

Sir:

The Resolution of the Common Council of the City of New York, in favor of myself, the Officers and Crew of the Frigate Constitution, relative to our conduct in the Action with the British Frigate Java, has been through you gratefully received. Permit me, Sir, to convey through the same channel to that highly respectable body the Common Council, my warmest acknowledgements, for the Honor they have personally done me in presenting to me the Freedom of the City of New York, and in giving me a place in the Gallery of Portraits of that City—such distinguished favors from a City in which I spent many happy days of my juvenile years, could not fail to make a just penetration on

my feelings, and to command My best wishes for the prosperity and happiness of its Inhabitants.

For the very friendly participation which you take in communicating the Resolution, I beg you to accept assurance of the sincere esteem and high respect with which I have the honor to be, etc.

Wm. Bainbridge.

To P. C. Van Wyck Esq^{r}.

Answer of Captain Lawrence.

U. S. Ship Hornet.
April 13th., 1813.

Sir:

I have been honored with your polite letter of the 1st. Inst., enclosing the Resolution passed by the Common Council of the City of New York on the 29th. of March last, approbatory of the conduct of myself and the Officers and crew of the Hornet during the engagement with his B. M. Sloop of War Peacock. For these testimonials of public regard from such a respectable and honorable body, I cannot but feel the sincerest gratitude, and I assure you, Sir, I shall ever esteem the honors that have been so liberally awarded by the Common Council of the City of New York as amongst the highest and most valuable which my country can bestow. In these sentiments I am cordially reciprocated by the Officers and crew I have the honor to command, and they trust (with myself) to future opportunities to become more worthy of the distinguished honors which have been already conferred.

For your Individual good wishes and congratulations I beg you to accept my sincere thanks.

With sentiments of sincere respect and esteem, I have the honor to be, etc.,

James Lawrence.

To P. C. Van Wyck Esq^{r}.

At a Common Council held the 4th. Day of October, 1813.

The Common Council have received with feelings of no ordinary interest intelligence of the recent achievements of Commodore Perry on Lake Erie, an achievement which, while it confirms the character for valor hitherto sustained by our brave Tars, evinces the nautical skill of our Naval Commanders. It would ill comport with the high sense which this brilliant deed has afforded to the Common Council of the City of New York were they to pass it over in silence.

In testimony, therefore, of the high sense which the Common Council entertain of the valor and skill displayed by Commodore Perry in his late discomfiture and capture of the whole of the British fleet on the waters of Lake Erie,

Resolved, That the Freedom of the City be presented to Commodore Perry in a Gold Box, and that he be requested to sit for his Portrait to be placed in the Gallery of Portraits of the Common Council.

Resolved, Also that thanks of the Common Council be presented to the gallant Officers and crew of the Fleet under his Command who achieved this Victory so honorable to the rising Navy of our Country.

Resolved, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Commodore Perry.

On motion of Alderman Wendover, *Resolved*, That Henry Street, in the Eighth Ward, be hereafter called Perry Street, in honor of Commodore Oliver H. Perry of U. S. Squadron on Lake Erie.

At a Common Council held the 8th. Day of December, 1813.

The Board assembled agreeably to adjournment, when, being informed that Commodore Bainbridge

was in waiting, a committee consisting of Alderman Mesier and Alderman Buckmaster, were appointed to introduce Commodore Bainbridge into the Common Council Chamber. The Commodore having been introduced, the members rose to receive him.

The Mayor then addressed him as follows:

Sir—We avail ourselves of this opportunity to express to you in person those sentiments of respect and regard which we have already communicated to you in another form.

In rendering this tribute to merit we feel peculiar pleasure. While our local attachments are gratified with the distinguished conduct of a man whom we consider as a citizen of this place, our national feelings are elevated by that heroism and magnanimity with which you achieved a double victory; for when the Flag of your Enemy was yielded to the power of your arms, his predjudices and animosities were at the same time subdued by a generosity and humanity never surpassed.

The Mayor then administered to the Commodore the Freeman's Oath, and presented to him a Certificate of the Freedom of the City in an elegant Gold Box.*

The Commodore then made the following reply to the Mayor's address.

Sir—The distinguished honor which the Corporation of the City of New York have conferred on me, claims my grateful acknowledgements. The Freedom of one of our greatest commercial Cities, will ever be duly appreciated, and excite sensations which I feel, but cannot express. When my Country com-

* The box measured three inches in diameter and one inch in depth. On the inside of the lid the following inscription was engraved, "The Corporation of the City of New York to Commodore William Bainbridge, of the United States frigate Constitution, in Testimony of the high sense they entertain of his gallantry and skill in the capture of his Britannic Majesty's ship Java on the 29th. of December, 1812." An engraving of the box can be found in Lossing's Field-Book of the War of 1812, page 462.

mands I shall always cheerfully obey, and this testimony of your good opinion will be a stimulus to further exertions.

The Commodore then withdrew. Upon leaving the Hall he was greeted with the acclamations of a large concourse of Citizens who had assembled to witness the public honors bestowed upon a gallant fellow Citizen.

The following letter from his Honor, the Mayor, to Commodore Perry, communicating the resolutions of the Common Council on the subject of the victory of Lake Erie, and the Commodore's reply, were read, and resolved that the same be entered at length on the minutes of the Common Council and published in the gazettes of this city.

New York, October 10th., 1813.

Sir:

It is with peculiar pleasure that I transmit to you the enclosed resolutions of the Common Council of this City, expressive of their high sense of the glorious triumphs of the American squadron under your command—an event without parallel in the annals of our country, which gives you distinguished rank among the celebrated men that reflect lustre on the American name, and which has dispensed the blessings of security and tranquillity to a most important and extensive portion of the United States.

I have the honor to be,

With great respect,

Your obedient humble servant,

De Witt Clinton.

To Commodore Perry, Newport.

Newport, November 29th., 1813.

Sir:

The distinguished honor conferred on me by the Common Council of the City of New York, in their

approbation of my conduct on the 10th. of September, calls forth the warmest sentiments of gratitude; to perform, to the best of my ability, the duty I owe to my country, shall ever be my highest ambition. The request to sit for my portrait, "to be placed in the gallery of portraits of the Common Council," is too high an honor not to be readily complied with.

I beg, Sir, that you will accept my thanks for the very flattering manner in which you have communicated to me the resolutions of the Common Council of the City of New York.

Very Respectfully,
I have the honor to be,
Your obedient Servant,
O. H. Perry.

The Honorable De Witt Clinton.

At a Common Council held the 26th. Day of September, 1814.

Whereas, The Corporation of the City of New York feel, that no exploit of the present war has more claim to the fullness and warmth of National gratitude than the victory of Commodore Macdonough, over a superior force on Lake Champlain; either from pride in the achievement or benefit from its consequence.

They therefore tender to that officer their admiration and thanks, and as a memorial of the new lustre added by him to the brightness of our naval renown.

Resolved, That the Freedom of the City, in a Gold Box, be presented to Commodore Macdonough, and that his portrait be procured and be set up in the Gallery of paintings belonging to this City, and that the thanks of the Corporation of this City be presented to his brave officers and crews.

Which passed unanimously, and his Honor the Mayor was requested to forward a copy of the same to Commodore Macdonough.

At a Common Council held the 10th Day of October, 1814.

Whereas, The Corporation of this City entertain the most lively sense of the late brilliant achievements of General Jacob Brown on the Niagara frontier, considering them as proud evidences of the skill and entrepidity of the hero of Chippewa and his brave companions in arms, and as affording ample proof of superior valor of our hardy freemen over the veteran legions of the enemy.

Resolved, That as a tribute of respect to a gallant officer and his intrepid associates who have added such lustre to our arms, the Freedom of the City be presented in a Gold Box to General Jacob Brown, that his portrait be obtained and placed in the gallery of portraits belonging to this City; and the thanks of this Corporation be tendered to the officers and men under his command.

The Mayor was requested to transmit a copy of the same to General Brown.

At an Extra Meeting of the Common Council held the 14th. Day of October, 1814.

The Mayor announced to the Board that Commodore Perry was, by invitation, in waiting to receive the Freedom of the City voted to him by a Resolution of the Board. Whereupon Mr. Hardenbrook and Mr. Brown were appointed a committee to wait upon Commodore Perry, and introduce him to the Common Council—Accordingly the Commodore was introduced into the Common Council Chamber by the committee and received by the members standing.

His Honor the Mayor addressed Commodore Perry as follows:

Sir—The illustrious achievements of Individuals in

science and in arms constitute the glory of Nations. Patriotism, therefore, unites with policy and justice in conferring those honors and rewards which are due to distinguished merit.

After we have signalized ourselves in conquering the Enemy of our Country, a task perhaps more difficult remains to attain, a victory over ourselves. He who, in the moment of triumph and in full career of glory, reposes himself with humility upon the Supreme Being, exercises the duties of humanity to the vanquished, and displays that modest deportment which is ever the companion of elevated minds, exhibits an example of virtue worthy of all imitation and honorable to human nature.

I shall not, Sir, on this occasion, from motives of delicacy, expatiate upon the important naval events which took place under your auspices upon the waters of Lake Erie, but I must be permitted to say that your subsequent conduct, and particularly your endeavors by more than filial attention to soothe the afflicted spirit, and to restore the wounded frame of your brave and magnanimous antagonist, have given you the strongest additional claims upon the regard and affections of your country.

I now proceed, Sir, to perform one of the most pleasing acts of my life in conferring upon you the highest honors in the power of this City to bestow.

To which the Commodore made the following reply:

The honor conferred on me by this respectable body would at all times call forth the loudest emotions of gratitude, but at the moment when the Citizens of this City have given such distinguished proofs of their patriotism, it adds much indeed to the gratification to have my name enrolled among them as a Freeman.

The usual oath was then administered to Commodore Perry, and the Freedom of the City in an elegant

Gold Box, with appropriate design enamelled thereon, was presented to the Commodore.

The Commodore then retired.

At a Common Council held the 24th. Day of October, 1814.

His Honor the Mayor transmitted to the Board the letter, in pursuance of their request, he had addressed to Commodore Macdonough, together with his reply, which were directed to be inserted at length on the minutes.

Letter to Commodore Macdonough.

New York, 28th. September, 1814.

Sir:

Your recent naval victory on Lake Champlain must be considered as one of the most splendid and most important events of war, whether we take into view the superiority of the Enemy's Force, the skill and gallantry displayed, or the intimate connection of this great achievement with the effectual protection of the Northern frontiers of this State and Vermont against the incursions of the Enemy.

Amidst the numerous testimonies of the grateful feelings of your Countrymen, you will now receive the unanimous sense of the municipal authorities of this City, and I beg leave to assure you that I consider it one of the most pleasing acts of my life to communicate to you this evidence of gratitude and regard, and at the same time to express the sentiments of respect which I entertain for you and the gallant men who acted so gloriously under your auspices.

I have the honor to be, etc.,

De Witt Clinton.

Commodore Macdonough.

In this letter was enclosed the Resolutions of the Common Council of September 26th.

Commodore Macdonough's Answer.

U. S. Brig Eagle.

Plattsburgh Bay, October 13th., 1814.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th. ulto., conveying to me the Resolutions of the Honorable the Corporation of the City of New York. To meet the approbation of my country has always been my greatest ambition, and this distinguished honor conferred on me by your Honorable corporation is received with feelings of peculiar pride and gratification; permit me to return you my earnest thanks for the friendly expressions contained in your letters, to subscribe myself.

Very respectfully Yours, etc.,

T. Macdonough.

Hon. De Witt Clinton, Mayor, etc.

At a Common Council held the 4th. Day of November, 1814.

The Hon. De Witt Clinton, Mayor, President.

His Honor the Mayor informed the Board that agreeably to the wishes of the generality of the members, he had summoned the Common Council for the purpose of conferring upon Commodore Stephen Decatur the municipal honors voted to him by a former Resolution of the Common Council.

The Common Council being informed that Commodore Decatur had arrived, and was in waiting in the Hall, a Committee, consisting of Alderman Mesier and Alderman Munson, were appointed to wait upon the Commodore and introduce him into the Common Council Chamber. Upon his entering the Members rose, and upon being presented by the Committee to the Mayor, His Honor addressed him as follows:

Sir, During the Revolutionary war, our contest with

France and the Barbary powers, and in the present war with Great Britain, the gallantry and skill of our seamen have been constantly gaining upon the admiration of mankind. Wherever they have approached an Enemy, victory has almost invariably attended the American Flag. The great Lakes, the Mediterranean Sea, the British Channel, the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, bear witness to their illustrious exploits, and they have elevated America to the pinnacle of naval glory.

When a great event has occurred, we are anxious to see how the actor narrates his own achievements. When the Hero becomes the historian of his own exploits he stands in a situation peculiarly delicate. If he appears in a style of inflated bombast and presents himself to the public in an attitude of swelling arrogance, he offends equally the good taste and moral sense of his country, but if, on the contrary, his bravery is only surpassed by his modesty—if he describes his victory in the same spirit with which he achieved it—and if, in addition to this, he conducts himself to the vanquished with chivalric courtesy and humanity, his glory is then complete, and he ranks among the great men who reflect honor upon human nature.

This description will apply most emphatically to the naval Heroes who have distinguished themselves during the present war. Their skill and bravery in battle, and their modest and benevolent deportment after victory, evince that whether they are called upon to fight for their country, to record their own achievements, or to exercise the offices of humanity, they stand equally entitled to public approbation.

As one of the most distinguished of that illustrious band, you have been honored with the approving voice of your country. This City, which looks to you as one of her most efficient protectors in the hour of peril, now presents you with her municipal honors, and I feel more than gratified in saying that the sentiments which I have on this occasion expressed, accord with the unanimous voice of our fellow citizens.

The Mayor then administered to him the Freeman's oath, and presented to him the Certificate of Freedom and an elegant Gold Box. The Commodore then made the following reply:

Sir, The services which I have had the good fortune to render in the line of my profession, have been so greatly overrated by the honorable the Corporation of New York, that I am totally at a loss how to express my thanks, and therefore can only beg leave to assure them, that my utmost exertions shall be used to render myself worthy of the distinguished honor they have been pleased to confer on me, in presenting me the Freedom of this City, so conspicuous for its patriotism and pre-eminent for the liberality with which it cherishes and rewards every effort that has a tendency to exalt the character of the nation. I beg you, sir, to accept my warmest acknowledgements for the flattering terms in which you have been pleased to express yourself towards me on this occasion.

The Commodore then withdrew, and upon leaving the Hall he was saluted by the Citizens, who had assembled to witness the honors paid to their gallant countryman.

At a Common Council held the 21st. Day of November, 1814.

The Hon. De Witt Clinton, Mayor, President.

The following Resolution was presented by His Honor the Mayor, and unanimously agreed to:

In testimony of the high sense which the Common Council entertain of the important services rendered to the United States, and of the lustre reflected upon the American character by the successful operations of a small army under the command of General Macomb, acting in concert with a body of militia, hastily assembled from this State and Vermont

against a powerful army commanded by the Governor General of Canada in person, whereby the Enemy was compelled to retreat into his own territory, and our important Northern frontier was protected from his devastations.

Therefore, *Resolved*, That the Freedom of this City in a Gold Box be presented to General Macomb, and that he be requested to sit for his portrait to be put up in the gallery of portraits belonging to the City, and that the thanks of the Common Council be presented to the officers and soldiers of the regular Troops and Militia who acted so worthily at that important crisis.

Resolved, That the Mayor be requested to communicate this Resolution to General Macomb, and that the Recorder, Alderman Mapes and Mr. Brown be a committee to carry it into execution.

His Honor the Mayor presented copy of a letter written by him to General Brown, together with the General's answer, which were directed to be published, and to be inserted on the minutes.

To General Brown.

New York, October 14th., 1814.

Sir, In communicating to you the unanimous vote of the Common Council of this city respecting yourself and the gallant army under your command, I am at a loss for adequate language to express the sentiments of satisfaction which I experience on this occasion.

Without intending to express any opinion on antecedent events, I can with confidence assert that the exploits of the army under your command on the Niagara frontier have exalted our military character, have inspired public confidence, and have exhibited skill, intrepidity, and enterprise which reflect honor on the soldier of any country.

I pray you, sir, to be assured of my undeviating regard, and of the highest respect with which

I am, &c.,

De Witt Clinton.

Answer from General Brown.

Head Quarters,
Sackets Harbour,
November 9th., 1814.

Sir :

I have received your letter of the 14th. ultimo, enclosing the resolutions of the Corporation of the city of New York of the 10th., approving my conduct and that of the gallant army which it was my good fortune to command on the Niagara frontier.

The approbation of my country is the highest reward I covet. The praise so justly bestowed on my brave Troops is in the highest degree grateful to my feelings. It is to *them*, that I am indebted for the distinguished mark of honor conferred upon me, the value of which is not a little increased by the prompt and decisive manner in which it was awarded, and the very flattering terms in which you have been pleased to lay the subject before me.

Have the goodness, Sir, to express to the Corporation of the City of New York, the high sense which I shall always entertain of the honor conferred on myself and my gallant companions in arms, and receive the assurance of my unalterable respect and the high consideration with which I am,

Your most obedient servant,
Jacob Brown.

To Hon. De Witt Clinton.

At a Common Council held the 5th. Day of December, 1814.

His Honor, the Mayor, laid before the Board a copy of the letter written by him to General Macomb agreeably to the Resolution of the Board, and the answer of General Macomb, which were directed to be inserted on the minutes.

New York, November 23d., 1814.

Sir:

The enclosed resolutions of the Common Council of this city respecting the gallant exploits of the regular troops under your command, and of the militia associated with you in the defence of our Northern frontier, expresses fully my sentiments, and I have therefore only to add the assurance of the great respect with which

I have the honor to be,
Your most obedient servant,
De Witt Clinton.

To Major General Macomb.

Belleville, November 24th., 1814.

To the Hon. De Witt Clinton.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 23d., inclosing the resolutions of the Common Council of the city of New York, expressing their approbation of my conduct in defending Plattsburgh, and offering their thanks to the gallant officers and soldiers under my command in that affair. Also requesting me to sit for my portrait, and presenting me with Freedom of the city. These marks of distinction are received with the liveliest emotions and are peculiarly gratifying as proceeding from the constituted authorities of a city so renowned for its munificence and public spirit. I shall with pleasure comply with the intentions of the resolutions, and ever be mindful that richest reward of an American soldier is the approbation and good opinion of his fellow citizens. With these sentiments permit me to offer the assurances of the high consideration and respect with which

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
Alexander Macomb.

At a Common Council held the 8th. day of December, 1814.

The Honorable De Witt Clinton, Mayor, President.

His Honor, the Mayor, informed the Board that Major General Macomb had been ordered to the Frontiers, and was immediately to leave the city, he had therefore summoned them together for the purpose of conferring upon the General the civic honors voted to him by the Common Council.

The Board being informed that General Macomb was in waiting, a Committee consisting of Aldermen Lawrence and Douglas, were appointed to introduce the General.

Upon his entering the Common Council Chamber, he was received by the Common Council with due respect, and upon being presented by the Committee to the Mayor, His Honor addressed him as follows :

Sir, At the commencement of the present war, most of the soldiers of the Revolution were no more. The surviving few, bending under the weight of years, or still feeling the wounds they had received in their country's cause, were with some exceptions no longer able to appear in arms. A long peace had in a great degree banished military knowledge, but there was still one institution devoted to its cultivation. From this school, superintended by a Gentleman of great science and talents, has proceeded that knowledge which has essentially promoted the security of America. War is science as well as an art, and in order to constitute an able and accomplished soldier, there must be an union of valor, intelligence, and discipline. Considering our unprepared state, the absence of discipline and the low state of military knowledge, it is not to be wondered that the first stages of our contest should be marked by unfortunate events. Adversity tries the character of nations as well as of individuals. It was not for America in the vigor of youth and in full possession of martial courage and physical power to

succumb under a series of disastrous occurrences. She rose in the plentitude of her strength, like Sampson from his slumbers. She sent forth her gallant sons to the combat—they measure swords with long tried veteran armies, that had gathered laurels on the ensanguined plains of Europe. They repulsed the enemy in all directions with inferior force; they frequently conquered them; with equal force they never were vanquished. They have acquired immortal renown—have given confidence to the country, have elevated our character in the estimation of the civilized world; and posterity will look upon the actors in these illustrious scenes with the same veneration that we now contemplate the departed heroes of former times.

Fully sensible of the important services which you have rendered to America at a very critical period, and desirous of doing justice to a citizen of this State who deserves so well of his country, this city now confers upon you her civic honors.

The Mayor then administered to him the Freeman's oath, and presented him with a certificate of freedom, together with a gold box.

After which General Macomb made the following reply:

The honors conferred upon me by the unanimous voice of the Corporation are no less flattering to me than they will be gratifying to the troops I had the good fortune to command. They will receive the approbation of the constituted authorities of the city of New York, with a due sense of its value and importance. I am about to return to them and witness the enthusiasm with which they will hail the sentiments so honorably expressed on their conduct.

I leave, Sir, the city with an anxious wish for its prosperity and most fervent prayers for its safety. And thus I take a most affectionate leave of my fellow citizens and of you Gentlemen of the Corporation in particular.

The General then withdrew.

At a Common Council held the 6th. day of January, 1815.

The Honorable De Witt Clinton, Mayor, President.

His Honor the Mayor, stated that having received information that Commodore Macdonough had arrived in this city, but he was immediately to take his departure for Lake Champlain, he had presumed it would be agreeable to the Common Council to avail themselves of this opportunity of the Commodore's presence in the city to confer upon him those municipal honors which had been voted to him, and he had therefore summoned them together.

The Common Council having been informed that Commodore Macdonough was in waiting, a Committee consisting of Aldermen Mapes and Mr. Brown were appointed to introduce him to the Common Council. Upon the Commodore's being presented to the Mayor he addressed him as follows—

When our Northern frontier was invaded by a powerful army—When the heroes, who have immortalized themselves on the Niagara, were pressed by a superior force, when the capitol of the United States was over run by hostile bands—When the most important city of the South was attacked by the enemy, and when he threatened to lay waste our maritime towns with fire and sword—At a period so inauspicious and gloomy, when all but those who fully understand and duly appreciate the firmness and resources of the American character, began to despair of the Republic, you were the first who changed the fortune of our arms and who dispelled the dark cloud that hung over our country. With a force greatly inferior you met the enemy vaunting of his superior strength and confident of victory, you crushed his proud expectations —you conquered him ; and the embattled hosts, which were ready to penetrate into the heart of our country, fled in dismay and confusion. In discharging the great duties, which you owed to America, you did not forget

in that trying hour, the source of all power and all good: you appealed to that Being, in whose hands are the issues of life and the fate of nations, and you complete the glory of the patriot by exhibiting the Christian Hero.

As long as illustrious events shall be embodied in History, so long will the victory on Lake Champlain, obtained under your auspices, command the respect of mankind; and when you and all who hear me shall be numbered among the dead, those who succeed us to the most extended line of remote posterity will cherish with exaltation those great achievements which are indissolubly connected with the prosperity and glory of America.

The Mayor then administered to him the Freeman's oath, and presented the certificate of Freedom, elegantly ornamented with suitable devices and a golden box with an appropriate inscription engraven upon it.

The Commodore then replied as follows:

Sir, With mingled feelings of gratitude and pleasure, I received the honors you have been pleased to confer on me. The title of a Freeman of this City distinguished as much for its high national character as for its commercial eminence, will be borne with peculiar pride and satisfaction.

The Commodore then withdrew.

At a Common Council held the 28th Day of January, 1815.

The Honorable De Witt Clinton, Mayor, President.

His Honor the Mayor, informed the Board that, understanding that Major General Brown had arrived in the City and that he was to remain but a few days, he had summoned them together to confer upon him the municipal honors formerly voted to him.

General Brown having attended and having been

presented to the Mayor—His Honor made the following address to him :

Sir, However disastrous and portentious the state of public affairs may appear at any particular period, there is almost invariably in every free country a redeeming spirit which produces faculties demanded by the crisis and elicits powers proportioned to the emergency.

The history of the United States furnishes many remarkable illustrations of this truth, and gives us strong reason to believe that however we may suffer for a time, yet that the hand of the Almighty has marked us out for a long career of prosperity and greatness. The war of the revolution astonished mankind by a sublime display of heroism and political wisdom ; and when at a subsequent period the elements of anarchy and confusion were let loose among us, our civil institutions were ameliorated and our national prosperity fortified and improved by the counsels and exertions of sages and patriots. We are now engaged in a War with one of the most powerful nations of the world, a nation which has had a principal agency in overthrowing the colossal power of France, which now controls the destinies of Europe, and which holds in its hands the trident of the ocean. This enemy so formidable has attacked by sea and by land, has approached us in all directions, and is now menacing our Northern, our Western, our Eastern and our Southern frontiers. Although distracted by intestine divisions, paralyzed by inefficient measures, environed with dangers and surrounded by difficulties, yet America has on most important occasions presented a countenance undismayed and magnanimous, and has produced heroes who have on the ocean and the land vindicated our national character, and have erected imperishable monuments of individual and national glory. The events which have occurred on the Western frontier of this State during the last campaign have baffled the proud expectations of the enemy and have taught him

that by energy, wisdom, and union, we can set at defiance the combined efforts of the old world. At Chippewa, and Bridgewater, and at Erie, our gallant army came in contact with the veteran soldiers of Great Britain, who had dyed the plains of Europe with the blood of the best troops of France, and the result has everywhere been successful and glorious. The heroic spirits which directed our physical force, and the brave soldiers that fought under such masterly guidance, are entitled to the gratitude of America. Wherever they go the good wishes and good offices of their country will attend them; history will record their services and their sufferings, their deeds of valor and of glory; and future generations as well as the present will look up to them as models for imitation and as examples of heroic greatness.

As long as the waters of the Great Lakes shall roll over the cataract of the Niagara, so long will those heroes command the gratitude and veneration of posterity; and the future traveller will with increased curiosity, and indescribable emotions, contemplate the magnificent scenery of a country equally celebrated for the illustrious achievements of man and the sublime operations of nature. To the leaders in these exploits the just and impartial voice of future times will apply the portrait of a great captain, drawn by the first orator of Antiquity.

Labor in negotris fortitudo in periculis industria in agendo celeritas inconficiendo consilium in providendo.

Although delicacy will not permit me to state the agency which you have had in these distinguished scenes, yet I must be permitted to say that the promises which you gave of future and eminent usefulness (when by your vigor and skill you protected the most important place in the West against invasions of the enemy) have been fully realized on the borders of the Niagara, and that to such men as you and your gallant companions in arms, America must look for the palladium of her safety.

The Freeman's oath was then administered to him by the Mayor and the certificate of freedom and a gold box * with suitable inscriptions thereon being presented to him, the general made the following reply :

I intreat you to accept my most sincere acknowledgements for the very favorable view you have been pleased to take of my military conduct. The only claim which I can possibly have on the notice and regard of my country, is that of an honest zeal to promote her interest and her glory.

With unfeigned pleasure I avail myself of this opportunity to assure you that the events which have attracted your praise, are to be ascribed under God, to the distinguished merit of the officers with whom I have had the happiness to be associated with, and to the full reliance which I have ever placed on the unequalled qualities of the American Soldier. I have only given to the troops under my command an opportunity of evincing to their country that they are worthy of her confidence ; her approbation is their highest reward.

The flattering acknowledgment, by so distinguished a body as the Corporation of this great city of the merits of that heroic army, I shall ever cherish as among the most honorable events of my life. Animated by the most fervent zeal for the service of their country, these expressions of her esteem will only stimulate the army to increased exertions to secure her rights and to vindicate her fame.

The General then withdrew.

Certificate of Freedom.

To all to whom these presents shall come, De Witt Clinton, Esq., Mayor, and the Aldermen of the City of

* The box is described as of fine gold, elliptical in form, three inches in length, two and a half in width, and three-fourths of an inch in depth. On the under side of the lid the following inscription was engraved : "The Corporation of the City of New York to Major General Jacob Brown, in testimony of the high sense they entertain of his valor and skill in defeating the British forces, superior in number, at the battles of Chippewa and Bridgewater, on the 5th and 25th of July, 1814." An engraving is given of it in Lossing's Field-Book of the War of 1812, page 841. The Certificate of Freedom was beautifully engrossed and illustrated.

New York, send greeting: At a meeting of the Common Council, held at the Common Council Chamber in the City Hall of the City of New York, the following resolutions were unanimously agreed to:

Whereas, The Corporation of this city entertains the most lively sense of the late brilliant achievements of General Jacob Brown on the Niagara frontier, considering them as proud evidences of the skill and intrepidity of the hero of Chippewa and his brave companions in arms, and affording ample proof of the superior valor of our hardy farmers over the veteran legions of the enemy.

Resolved, That as a tribute of respect to a gallant officer and his intrepid associates, who have added such lustre to our arms, the Freedom of the city of New York be presented to General Jacob Brown, that his portrait be obtained and placed in the gallery of portraits belonging to this city, and that the thanks of this Corporation be tendered to the officers and men under his command.

Know ye that Jacob Brown, Esquire, is admitted and allowed a Freeman and a Citizen of the said city, to have, to hold, to use, and enjoy the Freedom of the city, together with all the benefits, privileges, franchises, and immunities whatsoever granted or belonging to the said city.

By order of the Mayor and Aldermen.

In Testimony whereof the said Mayor and Aldermen have caused the seal of the said city to be hereunto affixed.

[L. S.]

Witness: De Witt Clinton, Esquire, Mayor, the fourth day of February, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and fifteen, and of the Independence and Sovereignty of the United States, the 39th.

De Witt Clinton.

J. Morton, Clerk.

At a Common Council held the 8th. day of March, 1815.

The following Law was adopted.

No. 37. A Law to regulate the admission of Freemen in the City of New York.

Be it ordained by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York in Common Council convened. That each person hereafter to be admitted and made a Freeman of the said city (other than such as were born or have served a regular apprenticeship of seven years within the same) shall pay as follows, to wit: A merchant, trader or shopkeeper, the sum of twelve dollars and fifty cents, and a mechanic the sum of two dollars and fifty cents, for the corporation of the said city; and that every person on being admitted and made free, as aforesaid, shall pay the following fees, to wit: One dollar to the clerk, and twenty-five cents to the crier of the Mayor's Court.

And further, That each person hereafter to be admitted and made a Freeman of the said city shall take, before the Mayor and any four of the Aldermen, the ollowing oath or affirmation, to wit:

I do swear, or affirm (as the case may be). That I as a Freeman of the City of New York, will maintain the lawful franchises and customs thereof; that I will keep the said city from harm as much as in me lieth, and that I will in all things do my duty as a good and faithful Freeman of the said city ought to do.*

* This was the last adoption of the law relating to the admission of Freemen, which had been re-enacted without change from 1801 to 1815. At a meeting of the Common Council held June 18, 1816, the Corporation Council was requested to revise and correct the Laws and Ordinances of the City, and make a speedy report on the same; his report was submitted December 2, 1816, and referred to a committee on laws, who after many sessions finally reported May 5, 1817, sixty-six ordinances, which were approved and ordered to be printed. The committee omitted the law relating to Freemen.

At a Common Council held the 3d. Day of April, 1815.

The Hon. John Ferguson, Mayor, President.

The Common Council having been informed that Capt. Jacob Jones had arrived in the city, it was Resolved that the Common Council will assemble on Thursday next at 12 o'clock, to confer upon him the Freedom of the City voted to him by a former Resolution of the Board.

At a Common Council held the 6th. Day of April, 1815.

The Common Council having been informed that Captain Jones was in waiting, a Committee consisting of Aldermen Fish, Lawrence and Mapes, were deputed to wait upon him. He was accordingly presented to the Mayor.*

At a Common Council held the 5th. day of June, 1815.

The following preamble and resolution was presented by Alderman Mesier, and agreed to unanimously.

The Corporation of the City of New York, in common with their fellow citizens, experience a most lively gratification in noticing another heroic achievement of our gallant Navy.

The late decisive victory obtained by Captain Charles Stewart, in the U. S. Frigate the Constitution is, for judgment and style in manœuvring, unrivalled; and when the superiority of the Enemy in weight, and the number of guns, together with the difficulty of contending with a divided and active force, is considered, it ought to be classed among the most brilliant

* Yesterday forenoon, at the City Hall, the Freedom of the City in a Gold Box, and an elegant Sword were presented, in the usual form, by the Common Council, to the gallant Captain Jones, of the Navy. *The N. Y. Gazette and General Advertiser, April 7th.*, 1815.

feats recorded in naval history. The capturing, under the circumstances so disadvantageous as detailed in his modest official letter, two such vessels as the Cyane and Levant, in the short period of 40 minutes, evinces such a precision in gunnery and skill in seamanship, as raises the character of the American tar to proud elevation.

In testimony, therefore, of the high sense the Common Council entertain of the gallantry and martial skill displayed by Captain Charles Stewart, in the capture of His Britannic Majesty's two ships, Cyane and Levant.

Resolved, That the Freedom of the City be presented to him in a Gold Box, and that the thanks of the Corporation be presented to the officers and crew of the Constitution for the brave manner in which they engaged, fought and conquered on that occasion.

At a Common Council held the 25th. Day of July, 1815.

The Honorable Jacob Radcliff, Mayor, President.

His Honor, the Mayor, informed the Common Council that the Committee appointed to carry into effect the Resolution of the Board, respecting Captain Stewart, having received intelligence of his arrival in town, he had at their request summoned the Common Council for the purpose of conferring upon Captain Stewart the civic honors voted to him.

The Common Council being informed that Captain Stewart was in waiting, the Mayor appointed a Committee consisting of Aldermen Mapes and Smith, to introduce Captain Stewart into the Council Chamber, who performed that duty, and upon Captain Stewart's being presented to the Mayor, he addressed him as follows:

Sir, In behalf of this Corporation, I have the honor

to present to you the Freedom of this City, as a testimony of the high opinion they entertain of the gallantry and skill displayed by you in the capture of two of His Britannic Majesty's Ships of war, the Cyane and Levant.

Our citizens have at all times felt a deep interest, and the highest gratification in the prosperity and glory of our infant navy. Having to contend on its recent trial, with a gigantic power on the ocean boasting of superior skill, and of triumphs over all other nations, it was natural, that in the commencement of the contest some doubts should be entertained of the immediate result; but the daring spirit and consummate ability displayed in its first efforts, accompanied with the most brilliant success, soon dispelled those doubts, and inspired a confidence which has been confirmed and increased in every stage of its subsequent career. Not only has the honor of the American Flag been maintained in every conflict, but the achievements of our navy have transcended the most sanguine expectations of its friends, and exalted the American name and character in every part of the world—It has given a pledge of inestimable value to the Country, and a proof to its enemies that the people of these States are as capable of vindicating their rights on the ocean, as they have manifested the power of maintaining them on the land.

To you, Sir, is justly ascribed the honor of having supported and elevated this character, and of confirming this pledge in one of the last conflicts of the war, in a difficult and trying situation, contending with a superior force, and under circumstances which entitle the victory you obtained to be classed amongst the most brilliant feats recorded in naval history.

Your countrymen are anxious to evince their gratitude for this event, and they feel a peculiar pride in bestowing their praise on the officers and crew of a favorite ship, which was the first in the late war to acquire distinguished honor to the American Flag, and

after a course of unexampled success, among the last to extend and increase its lustre. I am accordingly instructed to request that you present the thanks of this Board to the officers and crew of the Frigate Constitution under your command, for the heroic manner in which they engaged, fought, and conquered, on the occasion now referred to.

The Freeman's Oath was then administered to Captain Stewart, and the certificate of the Freedom of the City together with a gold box were presented to him by the Mayor.

Captain Stewart then addressed the Mayor as follows :

Sir, I receive with a lively sensibility the honorable testimony which you have conferred on me, in behalf of the Corporation of the City of New York, and I must ever bear in grateful remembrance so distinguished a mark of their liberality.

In the late contest with our skilful and gigantic enemy it has pleased Divine Providence to enable our countrymen to sustain with unsullied lustre the honor of our flag.

To our fellow citizens, we owe our grateful acknowledgments for the strong interest they have taken n our infant navy, and for the liberality with which they have rewarded its exertions. Encouraged by their good opinion we have felt on all occasions that it ought not to be disappointed. If, Sir, I have been permitted through the confidence of our government and the valor of my officers and crew, to contribute any position of support to the honor of our Flag, and the elevation of our character on the ocean, I must ever consider it as one of the happiest events of my life. It will afford me, Sir, great pleasure to convey to the officers and crew I had the honor to command, the distinguished notice the Corporation of the City of New York have been pleased to bestow on their efforts—I beg leave to return my thanks to the Cor-

poration for the honor they have conferred on me, and the very liberal manner they have noticed the victory obtained by the officers and crew of Frigate Constitution over his Britannic Majesty's late ships Cyane and Levant. I also beg you, Sir, to accept my thanks for the flattering manner in which it has pleased you to convey to me this instance of munificence of the Corporation.

After which Captain Stewart withdrew.

At a Special Meeting of the Common Council held the 19th. Day of February, 1819,

The Hon. Cadwallader D. Colden, Mayor, President.

His Honor, the Mayor, stated that having received information that Major General Jackson would arrive in this city on Saturday and as he understood it was the wish of the Common Council to render him certain marks of distinction on his visit to this place, he had, on the advice of some members, called this special meeting to take said subject into consideration.

Whereupon the Recorder presented certain Resolutions which, after some discussion, were agreed to in the words following:

Whereas, The Common Council of the City of New York entertain a deep and grateful sense of the public services of Major General Andrew Jackson; as a testimony of which, and wishing to transmit to posterity the respect they bear for his military achievements, the splendor of which have been surpassed only by the great and lasting benefits they have secured to the United States:

Therefore, the Common Council, acting in behalf of the Citizens of New York, do resolve—

First. That the Freedom of the City, in a gold box, with a suitable inscription, be presented to Major General Andrew Jackson, at a Common Council to be specially convened for that purpose; and that an ap-

propriate address be made to him by His Honor the Mayor, in behalf of the Corporation.

Secondly. That he be respectfully requested to permit a full length portrait painting of him to be taken, under the direction of the Corporation; to be placed in the gallery of paintings in the City Hall.

Thirdly. That Mr. Recorder, Alderman Munson, Mr. Stephens, Mr. Allen, and Mr. Bolton, be a Committee to wait upon General Jackson upon his arrival in this City, and communicate to him, in behalf of the Corporation, the high satisfaction it will afford them to receive him in their Council Chamber; and the manner in which they are desirous of giving a public demonstration of the very distinguished interest they take in his character and fame.

Resolved, That the Committee appointed to receive General Jackson in behalf of this Board, be intrusted to offer to him and his suite a conveyance up the Hudson River to West Point and back to this City in a Steam Boat under direction of the corporation.

Resolved, That the Committee invite General Jackson and suite to be with the Corporation on Monday when his Honor the Mayor presents the Standard to the Governor's Guard.

Resolved, That the said Committee be directed to carry into effect the preceding Resolutions.

His Honor, the Mayor, was requested to procure the Gold Box * mentioned in the Resolution, and the

* This famous box is described as being about five inches in length and width in proportion, of solid gold beautifully chased, and its intrinsic value about three hundred dollars. This inscription was engraved on the lid: "Presented by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York to Major General Andrew Jackson, with the Freedom of the City, as a Testimonial of respect to his high military attainments."

General Jackson bequeathed the box, in trust to his adopted son, Andrew Jackson Jr., to be presented at the close of the next war, to the person adjudged to be the most valiant in defence of his country. At the close of the War with Mexico attention was called to the bequest, and the Board of Aldermen, April 16, 1849, appointed a committee to decide as to the person entitled to the honor. Many claims were made and much controversy ensued; the Corporation finally September 7th, 1857, designated Major Garret Dyckman as the recipient, and September 14th, as the day of presentation. Andrew Jackson Jr., who was present in the city, refused to deliver the box, in consequence of a protest from members of the First Regiment of New York Volunteers in favor of Col. Ward B.

following were appointed the Committee to carry the other Resolutions into effect, vizt., Alderman Munson, Messrs. Stevens, Allen, Bolton.

At a Common Council held the 22d Day of February, 1819.

Mr. Recorder, from the Committee of Arrangements, reported that agreeably to the directions of the Common Council they had waited upon Major General Jackson and had presented to him the Resolutions passed at the last meeting of the Board, that they had received a reply from General Jackson, which he read to the Board, and which was as follows :—

Richard Riker, Esqr.
Chairman of the Committee.

Sir :—The Resolutions of the Common Council of the City of New York with which you have this day presented me, have been read with that satisfaction which the generosity and hospitality of your honorable body is calculated to inspire.

It affords me singular gratification to be enabled to comply with the several requests contained in your Communication, and I accept with pleasure your polite invitation to witness the ceremony of presenting the Standard to the Governor's Guard.

Having but a few days to remain in this section of Country, I am compelled to deny myself the pleasure I had anticipated in visiting West Point, and therefore decline the acceptance of the transportation which has

Burnett. On the evening of September 14th, a stormy meeting of the Common Council was held in which the action of Mr. Jackson was denounced and the Committee discharged from further consideration of the subject. On the 17th of August, 1859, the box was formally presented at Nashville to General Burnett by Dr. John M. Lawrence, who acted for his father-in-law, Mr. Jackson, and was received by Gideon H. Pillow as the representative of General Burnett, who at the time was on service at Nebraska City.

The report of the Joint Committee September 7th, 1857, printed in the Proceedings of the Board of Aldermen, vol. 67, page 269, gives an interesting history of the claims for the box.

been so liberally offered for my conveyance to that place.

For the honor conferred on me by your distinguished body permit me to present through you to the Common Council of the City of New York, the assurance of my high respect and gratitude.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your Obt. Servt.
Andrew Jackson.

Whereupon it was ordered that the same be entered on the Minutes at length, and filed.

It was also resolved that the Board will assemble to-morrow at one o'clock in the Sessions Room for the purpose of conferring upon Major General Andrew Jackson the Freedom of the City agreeably to the Resolutions of the Common Council.

At a Common Council held the 23d Day of February, 1819.

Upon motion the Resolutions of the Board agreed to at the Special meeting on the 19th instant, and the reply of General Jackson thereto, which was reported on the 22d, were severally read.

Mr. Stevens, from the Committee of Arrangements, informed the Common Council that they had waited upon General Jackson and accompanied him to the Hall and that he was now in waiting in the Common Council Chamber.

The Committee were then requested to wait upon the General, inform him that the Common Council were assembled, prepared to receive him and introduce him to the Board.

The Committee accordingly retired and in a few minutes General Jackson entered. Upon his entrance the Common Council rose to receive him. After being seated a few moments two of the Committee led him

to the centre of the space occupied by the Common Council and presented him to the Mayor, upon which his Honor the Mayor addressed him as follows:—

Address of the Mayor.

Major General Jackson,

No task could be more gratifying to me than that which I am now to perform. I am to congratulate you in behalf of the Common Council and of our fellow Citizens, on your arrival among us.

We are happy to avail ourselves of the first opportunity of testifying by every mark of respect the feelings, your high military services have inspired.

While the whole country was agitated by the threatened invasion of a powerful foe, we could not but learn with anxiety that he had directed a large armament to a point where it was known he could only be met by an inferior force chiefly of our undisciplined and inexperienced countrymen.

We knew that Britain at the end of a contest which had convulsed Europe for twenty years, had destined her veteran and victorious troops to make war upon us, but the sons of our soil, animated by your spirit and conducted by your wisdom, drove the invaders from our shores and achieved a victory, which, while it raised the character of our country to an elevation that attracted the admiration of the rest of the world, left to every American a debt of gratitude to you, and to our brave brethren who fought with you, which can never be cancelled.

With these sentiments allow me to present to you, this Certificate of your being admitted a Freeman of this City, and to thank you for your compliance with the Resolution of the Common Council requesting your portrait.

Permit me also to assure you that we shall feel great pride in being able to claim you as our fellow citizen and in placing the portrait of one who has deserved

so well of his country in our Gallery, occupied by the resemblances of many who have similar, tho' no one superior claims to our grateful acknowledgment.

To which General Jackson made the following reply:

Sir, The distinguished honor which the Common Council of the City of New York has conferred by my admission as a Freeman of their City, is to me a source of the highest gratification and will ever be recollected with feelings of the warmest sensibility.

To be associated with those who have been distinguished for their patriotism and zealous attachment to the republican principles of our government is the most exalted station of an American citizen. The approbation you have been pleased to express of my humble efforts in the field, command my greatest acknowledgments. For those sentiments am I indebted to the bravery of the troops I had the honor to command.

What I have done was for my country. Had I erred in the discharge of my official duty, that error would have originated in the warmth of my devotion to her interest and a misapplication of the means best calculated to promote her happiness and prosperity: but to find that my conduct has been sanctioned by my government and approved by my fellow citizens is a source of happiness unequalled in the occurrences of my life, for the proudest honor which can grace the soldier and the richest reward which he can receive for the fatigues, perils and privations of his profession is the approbation of a grateful country.

The General was then handed by two of the Committee and seated on the right of the Mayor.

His Honor then administered to him the oath of a Freeman as prescribed by Law and delivered to him the Certificate of his being a Freeman. His Honor, the Mayor, then arose and announced General Jackson to have been admitted a Freeman of the City of New

York, agreeably to the Charter and Laws of the same.

The General was then introduced by the Committee of Arrangements to the several members of the Common Council, after which he retired, accompanied by the Committee of Arrangements.

At a Common Council held the 26th. Day of July, 1819.

Alderman Allen presented the following Resolution, which was unanimously agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be instructed to enquire if the provisions of a Resolution passed the 13th. day of March, 1813, granting the Freedom of the City, with a piece of plate to the late Captain James Lawrence, have been complied with, and if not, whether it is now expedient and proper to carry into effect said Resolution so far as to present to the family of Captain Lawrence, the mementoes of his gallantry in the capture and destruction of the British Sloop of War, Peacock.

At a Common Council held the 9th. Day of August, 1819.

The same Committee who were instructed to inquire respecting a Resolution of the Board voting to the late Captain Lawrence of the United States Navy, a piece of plate, reported:—

"That they have ascertained from Mrs. Lawrence, now a resident of the village of Greenwich, that the Certificate of Citizenship alluded to was presented her by his Honor, the Mayor, and is now in her possession, but that the piece of plate with which she would have been much gratified, has not been provided or presented agreeably to the resolution of the Cor-

poration, a copy of which was furnished her shortly after its passage. Whatever may have been the causes for delay in carrying into effect this tribute of respect to a gallant officer, your Committee are of opinion that no censure ought to rest on the members of this Board who, your Committee are persuaded, entertain a high sense of the services rendered, and the intrepidity and skill displayed by the brave men who fought and bled in defence of the injured rights of our country, during the late war, and who therefore could not have refused this meed of approbation had they been apprised of its non-performance.

"The Committee have no doubt, therefore, that the Board will accord with them in opinion that it is both expedient and proper to fulfill as soon as practicable the pledge given by their predecessors, and they offer the following Resolution accordingly :—

"*Resolved*, That the Committee on Finance be instructed to present to the widow of the late Captain James Lawrence, a piece of plate with suitable devices and inscriptions indicative of the gallantry and skill of her late husband, in the capture of the British Sloop of war Peacock, by the American Sloop Hornet, under his command, agreeably to a Resolution of the Common Council passed the 29th. day of March, 1813."

Stephen Allen,
B. Crane,
J. Hammond,
J. Hone,

which was approved, a blank in the Resolution filled up with Finance Committee and the Resolution adopted.

At a Common Council held the 1st. Day of November, 1819.

Alderman Allen, from the Committee on that subject, reported that the piece of plate directed to be executed and presented to the family of the late Captain James

Lawrence, was completed. Whereupon the Finance Committee were requested to take order for presenting the same in the name of this Corporation to Mrs. Lawrence, the Widow of the late Captain Lawrence.

At a Common Council held the 28th. Day of February, 1820.

A petition from Peter Charles L'Enfant, addressed to His Honor the Mayor, stating the services rendered by him in devising the plan and superintending the erection of the Old City Hall, for which he received no compensation, although a grant of ten acres of land in the Outward was on 9th. October, 1789, voted to him, and praying the Corporation to take his case into consideration, was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

At a Common Council held the 17th. Day of April, 1820.

The Finance Committee, on petition of P. Charles L'Enfant, reported:

That it appears Mr. L'Enfant, at the request of the Citizens, furnished plans for altering and improving the Old City Hall, so as to render it suitable for the reception of the Congress of the United States, and at the same time performed the superintendence of the work until completed. The Committee have discovered nothing on the minutes of the Common Council relative to any stipulation for compensating Mr. L'Enfant for this undertaking, and they are led to infer that it was altogether voluntary on his part, and that his object was the honor of the performance, rather than pecuniary reward.

On the 12th. October, 1789, the Common Council after reciting the generous services of Mr. L'Enfant, resolved that the thanks of the Board, together with

the Freedom of the City, be presented to him, and also that a lot of Common Lands, containing the quantity of ten acres, be conveyed to him in fee simple. The location of this land was decided by the Board on 30th. December, 1789, and on 6th. April, 1790, the Clerk presented a Survey and Map of said land, and on the 16th. he laid before the Board, the draft of a grant to P. C. L'Enfant. On the 30th. of April the Board was informed that Mr. L'Enfant declined accepting the proffer of the Corporation; whereupon it was ordered that the Clerk communicate to him this information, and in the meantime that execution of the grant be suspended. The Clerk reported on the 14th. May, 1790, that he had written to Mr. L'Enfant, and received an answer stating "that it was perfectly agreeable with his sentiments and disposition to refuse the gift."

On the 26th. January, 1801, a Memorial from P. Charles L'Enfant claiming compensation for his services, &c., was presented to the Common Council, and the Board determined to allow him $750 in full discharge of all further claims against the Corporation for, or on account of his said services, and on the 16th. of February following Elias Kane, in behalf of L'Enfant, communicated to the Board the unwillingness of him the said L'Enfant, to accept the $750, and requested the Common Council to reconsider the subject and to make him a greater allowance; whereupon it was determined not to reconsider the same.

The foregoing comprises a brief statement of all the facts that have come to the knowledge of your Committee on this subject, and they are such as plainly evince on the part of Mr. L'Enfant a disposition to value his services far above what they were deemed to be worth by the gentlemen composing the Common Council at the time they were rendered. The Committee do not pretend to judge of the value of these services, nor are they willing to decide as to the justice of Mr. L'Enfant's claim farther than what may be

inferred from the entries in the Minutes of the Common Council, and from these it is concluded that, whatever his services were, they were rendered voluntarily, and without any stipulation for or expectation of a reward.

It is a question for the Board to decide, therefore, whether after the repeated rejection by Mr. L'Enfant of the liberal offers made him by the Common Council, he has still any claim on this Board.

The Committee think not, and they therefore offer the following resolution :

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to grant the request of P. C. L'Enfant.

S. Allen,
J. Hone,
J. Hammond,
B. Crane,
S. P. Brittain,

which was approved and the resolution adopted.

At a Common Council held the 18th. Day of August, 1824.

Resolved, That in testimony of the high respect which this Common Council entertain for George Washington De La Fayette, the Son of the Marquis De La Fayette, whose virtues they trust he bears with the Honored name of his father, be made a Freeman of the City of New York, and that the Certificate of Freedom, handsomely engrossed, be presented to him in a Golden Box.

At a meeting of the Common Council held the 23d. Day of March, 1829.

Alderman Cebra presented the following Resolution in relation to presenting the Freedom of the City to the Honorable Martin Van Buren.

Whereas, The great and fundamental principle of the Compact forming the Union of these United States is, that the individual members thereof when called on, shall be ever ready to lend their utmost aid either in War, or in Council, in support of those sacred principles of civil liberty which we enjoy and hope and believe it is our high destiny in this happy land to continue to enjoy. Impressed with a due sense of this truth, the Common Council of the City of New York, while they deeply deplore the necessity which calls on the State to surrender to National Councils one of her brightest sons, cannot but view with pride and exultation the patriotism and Public Spirit which has actuated him in the acceptance of those arduous and responsible duties for the public good; and entertaining as we do the highest regard, not only for the pure republican principles which have uniformly marked the political course of their fellow citizen, the Honorable Martin Van Buren, they deem the present moment of their separation from him, a proper occasion for the expression of these sentiments of respect and attachment.

Therefore *Resolved*, That a copy hereof together with the Freedom of the City be presented to the Honorable Martin Van Buren as a testimony of the respect and esteem which the people of the City of New York entertain for his private worth and public services.

Resolved, That his Honor the Mayor, do carry the foregoing Resolution into effect.

On being read, Alderman Palmer moved that the same be laid on the table. The question being taken thereon, it passed in negative. The question was then taken on the Resolution and was carried in the affirmative.

At a Common Council held the 20th. Day of April, 1829.

The Hon. Walter Bowne, Mayor, President.

His Honor, the Mayor, laid before the Board a Letter from the Honorable Martin Van Buren, Secretary of State of the United States, expressing his thanks to the Common Council for their Resolution tendering the Freedom of the City to him, was read and directed to be filed.

The letter was as follows:

Washington, April 4, 1829.

Sir:

Your letter with the Resolution passed by the Common Council tendering to me the Freedom of the City, is received.

In communicating to that Honorable body my acceptance of this distinguished mark of their respect for my public services, and my grateful sense of the Honor they have conferred upon me, do me the favor to assure them of my hearty concurrence in the patriotic sentiments they have expressed, and which they have in so flattering a manner been pleased to attribute to me as the rule of my conduct.

In indulging a just pride in the present greatness, and a strong solicitude for the continued prosperity of a City, whose good fortune it is to have its affairs entrusted to persons so deserving of public confidence, as are your associates and yourself, I participate in feelings which are, I trust, as they certainly ought to be, common to every Citizen of our highly favored State.

Accept, with the assurance of my respects, my thanks for the kind manner in which you have discharged the duty imposed upon you by the Common Council, and be so good as to convey to its members individually my personal respect.

I have the honor to be Your Obt. Servant,

M. Van Buren.

The Hon. Walter Bowne.

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen held the 28th. Day of May, 1832.

Resolved, That a Select Committee of three be appointed to confer with a Committee on the part of the Board of Assistant Aldermen, for the purpose of making arrangements to meet and receive the Hon. Martin Van Buren upon his return to his native State.

Resolved, That the said Committee make the necessary arrangements on the part of the Board for carrying into effect the resolution of the Common Council of 23d. March, 1829, ordering the Freedom of the City to be presented the Hon. Martin Van Buren, as a testimonial of the respect which they entertained for his private virtues and public services.* *Adopted by the Assistants June 4. Approved by the Mayor June 8, 1832.*

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen held the 27th. Day of June, 1832.

Alderman Murray presented the following resolution, which was read, unanimously adopted, and directed to be sent to the Board of Assistant Aldermen for concurrence:

Whereas, The Common Council of the City of New York have been informed, that Commodore Daniel T. Paterson is now in this City, on his way to take command of the naval forces of the United States, in the Mediterranean, therefore

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to wait on Commodore Paterson, to convey to him the high sense entertained by this Common Council, of his public services and private virtues, and to present him with the Freedom of the City in a gold box, in token of his distinguished gallantry during the late war with Great

* Mr. Van Buren arrived from Europe on the 5th. of July, 1832. He was waited upon at Staten Island, but declined a public reception in consequence of the prevalence of Cholera in the city.

Britain, and especially for the conspicuous part he bore in the glorious achievement at New Orleans.

The President appointed on that Committee Aldermen Murray, Whiting and Hall.

The Common Council convened yesterday, for the purpose of conferring on Commodore Patterson the mark of respect heretofore voted to him—the Freedom of the City and a gold box. After the two Boards had taken their seats, the Committee appointed conducted the Commodore into the room, accompanied by the following officers: Commodore Chauncey, Captain Stringham, Lieutenants McKenny, Chauncey, Byrne, Pettigrew, Auchmuty and Harwood; Sailing Master Bache; Dr. Baltzer, passed Midshipman Shuck, Midshipmen Potter, Barry, Auze, and McLane.

The Mayor addressed the Commodore in a neat speech, adverting to his past gallant services, particularly in the compaign in which New Orleans was defended. The long absence of the Commodore from his native State, had, he said, alone prevented a previous expression of the gratitude entertained by his fellow citizens here for his labors in defending the honor of his country. The Commodore in his reply, expressed himself peculiarly gratified that the tribute came from the city in which the days of his boyhood were passed; since which time, he had but little opportunity of intercourse with his fellow citizens of New York. He took the necessary oath "to defend the city, as far as in him lies," and the Freedom was conferred upon him by delivering the proper official document.

It is to be noted, that if the battle of New Orleans could not have been advantageously lugged in, the Commodore might have, in all probability, won as many naval victories as all our Captains together, during the last war, without its being particularly remembered, at this juncture, by the Honorable the Corporation. The glorification was all for General Jackson, and a little for the Commodore. The fame of the one

is to endure "as long as the waters of the Mississippi shall flow to the Atlantic," (the Gulf of Mexico meaning); but the other must be content, if his own lasts as long as Goose Creek shall flow to the Potomac. It was all, however, exceedingly proper; and such honors could not be conferred on a more gallant officer, or on a better man. *N. Y. Commercial Advertiser, July 3d.*, 1832.

The frigate United States, weighs anchor this morning, from the Bay off the Battery, having on board Commodore Patterson, who proceeds to the Mediterranean as Commander of the squadron in that sea. Previous to the departure of Commodore Patterson, the Common Council invited him yesterday, to the Governor's Room in the City Hall, where the ceremony of presenting him with the Freedom of the City was performed by his Honor, the Mayor, [Walter Bowne]. The affair was conducted with great propriety, both on the part of the Corporation, and the gallant Commodore. The officers of the Navy present, were in full uniform. Commodore Patterson was heard to observe that a broadside from an enemy would have less effect on his feelings, than the compliment paid him; in the first case he should have felt at home; to the latter he was unused. The family of the Commodore accompany him. *N. Y. Gazette and General Advertiser, July 3d.*, 1832.

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen held the 1st. Day of August, 1832.

A message was received from the Board of Assistant Aldermen, in favor of the payment of the expenses of the ceremony of presenting the Freedom of the City to Commodore Daniel T. Patterson, amounting to $341,83, which was read, concurred in and ordered to be sent to his Honor, the Mayor, for approval. *Approved by the Mayor, August 11th.*, 1832.

The Freedom of the City.

The 20th. and 21st. sections of the Montgomerie Charter gave to the Mayor and four or more Aldermen, the power to make free citizens of the City, on payments of a fee not exceeding £5, to the use of the corporation. This was only a repetition of the power conferred by Governor Dongan's Charter.

The power contained in these two sections was formerly of momentous importance for the Charter, while it granted the power, at the same time prohibited all persons, other than such free citizens, to use any art, trade, mystery, or manual occupation, within the city, saving in the times of fairs; or to sell or expose to sale, any manner of merchandise or wares whatsoever, by retail when no fair was at the time kept in the city, under a penalty for each offence. It was further provided that no person should be made free as aforesaid, but native born, or naturalized, or denizated subjects.

This chartered power has ceased to be of any importance, and is used only as a testimonial of respect or gratitude, on the part of the corporation, towards persons in high stations, or who may have entitled themselves to the honor by personal merit, or some distinguished service. There are instances in the annals of the corporation of this species of reward. But the admission to the freedom of the city, was, at the date of the charter, not only a token of honor, but a grant of substantial benefit. By making a person a freeman of the city, he became entitled to all its municipal privileges; and among others, to the right of voting for, and of being voted to corporate offices, and which right belonged only to corporate freemen and to freeholders, until the Charter was altered by statute, in 1804.

But although the exclusive privileges formerly conferred on the inhabitants of chartered towns and cities of pursuing commerce and exercising the mechanic arts, have fallen into discredit in Europe, among men

of enlarged views and liberal policy as being impolitic monopolies, which restrain competition, damp the spirit of enterprise, check the free circulation of labor, and raise the price of commodities; and although such monopolies are utterly reprobated and abandoned in this country, yet they were originally introduced in Europe, and afterwards cherished during the disorder and violence of the middle ages, as invaluable barriers against the insecurity and oppression of the feudal system. They were ardently desired, and frequently granted by the benevolence or policy of princes, during the 12th and 13th centuries, who confirmed local usages and enabled the inhabitants of towns and cities to possess common property, and to have their feudal exactions either abolished or defined and limited, and to enjoy the inestimable privilege of being amenable only to their own municipal jurisdictions. Those incorporations conferred freedom on the feudal Serfs who escaped into them unless duly reclaimed. They were *cities of refuge* to the oppressed. This was the case in France and Germany, as well as in England. If a villain, says Glanville, b. 5, ch. 5, remained for a year and a day in any privileged town, which had franchises by prescription or charter, he became thenceforward a free member of the corporation. Manumission, said Lord Coke, (Co. Litt. 137, 6,) among other significations, meant "the incorporating of a man to be free of a company or body politic, as a freeman of a city, or burgess of a borough."

We are therefore not to be surprised that this ancient privilege (so tenacious is established usage) should continue to be cherished long after the occasion for it, and the reason of it had ceased: nor that it should have been inserted and continued by our ancestors in the early charters of New York. There has been, until recently, something dear and sacred attached to the very mention of *chartered rights and privileges*. We perceive ample proofs of this sentiment and feeling in all the early proceedings of our

revolutionary patriots and statesmen. *The Charter of the City of New York, with Notes by Chancellor Kent.* 1836, *page* 152.

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen held the 12th Day of April, 1847.

Whereas, General Taylor and the gallant officers and brave men under his command, by their victory at Buena Vista on the 22d. and 23d. February last, and General Scott and the gallant officers and brave men under his command, by their brilliant achievement at Vera Cruz, have earned for themselves not only an ever enduring fame, but the approbation and thanks of their fellow-citizens; and therefore, be it

Resolved, That the thanks of the citizens of the City of New York are hereby given through us, their representatives, in Common Council convened, to General Taylor, the officers and men under his command, and to General Scott, the officers and men under his command, and to that portion of our navy who gallantly co-operated with them, for their unexampled victorious triumphs and exploits at Buena Vista and Vera Cruz.

Resolved, That in honor of the said great and glorious victories and conquests, a salute of one hundred guns be fired, under the direction of Major General Sanford, at noon of such day as the Mayor may designate, from the Battery and from Tompkins Square, and that the national flag be displayed from the public buildings and shipping in our harbor on such day, and that the City Hall be illuminated on the evening of that day, under the direction of the Committee of offices and Repairs. And

Whereas, The Common Council, whilst they rejoice and glory in the success of our arms, fully sympathise with the families and friends of the illustrious dead who lost their lives in defending the honor of our

country and glory of its flag, on the field of Buena Vista and at Vera Cruz, and to testify their respect for their memories, therefore, be it

Resolved, That on the day succeeding that to be named for the purpose of the foregoing Resolution, the national flag be displayed at half-staff on all the public buildings and shipping in our harbor, and the bells of the several churches be tolled from noon to one o'clock of that day.

Resolved, That the Mayor transmit, through the War and Navy Departments of the United States, a certified copy of these Preambles and Resolutions, under the seal of the City, to General Scott, General Taylor, and the officers commanding the Navy in the attack on Vera Cruz, with a request that they will make the same known to the officers and men of their respective commands.

In commemoration of the victories of our arms at Buena Vista and Vera Cruz, in admiration of the skill and gallantry which has covered our nation with honor, and in gratitude for the signal benefits which have thus been secured to our country, the Common Council do resolve,

That the thanks of the City be presented to the armies under the command of General Taylor, and General Scott.

That the Freedom of the City be presented to Generals Taylor and Scott.

That swords be presented to General Scott and to General Worth, his second in command at Vera Cruz, and to General Taylor and General Wool, his second in command at Buena Vista.

That on the evening of [May 7th] instant, all the public buildings in the City be illuminated, and the citizens at large be requested at the same time to illuminate their dwellings.

That on the same day national salutes will be fired at the Battery, Park, Washington Parade Ground, Union Square, and Tompkins Square, and that a Com-

mittee be appointed to carry the above Resolutions into effect.

Resolved, That the Common Council of the City of New York highly approve the able and skillful manner in which this War has been conducted by the National Administration. *Adopted by the Board of Assistants April 23d. Approved by the Mayor, April 24.*

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen held the 24th. Day of July, 1848.

Whereas, The inhabitants of this City have at all times taken a lively interest in the wellfare of the Navy of the United States, and whereas this right arm of our Nation's defence, has rendered the country gallant and efficient service in the late war with Mexico, both on the shores of the Pacific and the Atlantic coast, And

Whereas, The arrival in our harbor of the United States frigate Cumberland, bearing the broad pennant of Commodore Perry, offers an appropriate occasion to testify our appreciation of the gallantry and good conduct of our Navy generally, in the late war—therefore

Resolved, That the thanks of this Corporation, and of their constituents, be tendered to Commodore Matthew C. Perry and the officers and crew of his frigate, for their gallantry and good conduct in the late war with Mexico, and that the hospitalities of the City be tendered to them through a Committee, to consist of five from each Board.

Resolved, That the Freedom of the City of New York be presented to Commodore Matthew C. Perry, as a lasting testimonial of the gratitude and respect of its inhabitants, for his energy, gallantry, and good conduct while attached to, and in command of the Gulf Squadron during the late war with Mexico, and for his timely and efficient co-operation with the land

forces of our country, whenever such co-operation could be rendered available. *Adopted by the Board of Assistants, July* 24. *Approved by the Mayor, July* 28.

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen held on the 18th. Day of September, 1848.

Whereas, It is a wise and prudent policy to notice with marks of approbation, any act of noble daring and heroic courage, whether accomplished upon the land or upon the sea, either by those high in authority, or in the humble walks of life, and to express our admiration of individuals who, regardless of themselves, and anxious only for the safety of their fellow men, hazard their own lives in an attempt to rescue and preserve those of others; and,

Whereas, In the recent calamity which occurred to the Ocean Monarch, upon her voyage from Liverpool to the United States, by which one hundred and seventy-eight persons were suddenly sacrificed, the disinterested courage and noble bravery of one of the crew of the American ship New World, was the means of rescuing from an awful death twelve helpless women and children, at the imminent hazard of his own life—and who also, upon the occasion of the stranding of the packet ship Henry Clay, at Barnegat, was instrumental in preserving property and lives, and who, in consideration of his late services and disinterested humanity, has received the congratulations of the Shipwreck and Humane Society of Great Britain, and distinguished marks of approbation from the Queen of England, the Prince de Joinville, and others, therefore

Resolved, That the Common Council of the City of New York, have heard with feelings of gratitude and deep interest of the noble daring, and gallant conduct of Frederick Jerome, a seaman on board of the American ship New World, who, at the imminent hazard of his

own life, was the means of saving a number of persons from the wreck of the Ocean Monarch, upon the occasion of her recent destruction by fire, and for which he is entitled to, and we do hereby tender to him, the thanks of the inhabitants of the first Commercial City of the Western World, and commend him and his family to the care and attention of those whose duty it is to protect the interests of our gallant seamen.

Resolved, That the Freedom of the City be presented to the said Frederick Jerome, upon his arrival at this port, in a gold box, with suitable inscriptions, and that a Committee of three from each Board, be now appointed to carry the same into effect. *Adopted by the Board of Assistants Sept. 25th. Approved by the Mayor Sept. 26th.*

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen held the 4th. Day of January, 1850.

Whereas, The ship Caleb Grimshaw, belonging to the firm of Samuel Thompson & Nephew, of this city, was destroyed by fire, near the Azores, in the month of November last, while on her voyage from Liverpool to this port, with a valuable cargo, and a large number of passengers; and *Whereas*, five days after the discovery of the fire, all on board being in imminent peril, a sail was discovered, which proved to be the barque Sarah, of Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, commanded by Captain David Cook, who, notwithstanding the sea was rough, the wind blowing a gale, immediately went to the rescue of those on board the Caleb Grimshaw, and after eight days perseverance and hard labor, succeeded in saving from a watery grave, nearly four hundred human beings; and *Whereas*, it is understood the barque Sarah, is soon to arrive at this port, therefore,

Resolved, That the said David Cook is eminently entitled to the gratitude of the civilized world, for the

humanity and generosity evinced by him on the aforementioned melancholy occasion, and the thanks of the people of this city are hereby tendered to him, in consideration of his gallant and self-sacrificing conduct during the eight days he was striving to save the lives of the people of a New York ship.

Resolved, That the Freedom of the City be presented to the said David Cook in a gold box, as a feeble testimony of the high estimation in which he is held by the members of this Common Council, individually and collectively.

Resolved, That a copy of this preamble and these resolutions be presented to Captain Cook, on his arrival in this city, or sent to him at Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, in case of his not entering this port.

Resolved, That the sum of one hundred dollars be, and is hereby appropriated to carry the above resolutions into effect. *Adopted by the Board of Assistants, Jan. 4th. Approved by the Mayor Jan. 5th.*

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen held the 16th. Day of January, 1854.

Whereas, It is a wise and prudent policy to notice with marks of approbation any act of noble daring and heroic courage, whether accomplished upon the land or upon the sea, and to express our admiration of individuals who, regardless of themselves and anxious only for the safety of their fellow men, hazard their own lives in an attempt to rescue and preserve those of others; and

Whereas, In the recent calamity which occurred to the ship San Francisco, upon her voyage from this port to San Francisco, by which the lives of upwards of one hundred and seventy persons were suddenly sacrificed, the disinterested courage and noble conduct of Captain Robert Creighton and crew of the British ship, Three Bells, from Glasgow, and bound

to this port, was the means of rescuing from an awful death, two hundred and thirty persons, among whom were women and helpless children, and many officers and soldiers of our government—at the imminent hazard of their own lives, and who did so nobly stay by the unfortunate vessel for six days, during a severe gale of wind, and at a time when his ship was in a leaking condition, and heavily loaded with chloride of lime; and

Whereas, Captain Low, of the bark Kilby, of Boston, did, at the same time, remain by the wreck of the above unfortunate vessel, and with his crew nobly aid and rescue the unfortunate passengers from the above named wreck, while at the same time his ship was in a leaky condition, short of provisions, and nearly destitute of sails, and

Whereas, Captain Stouffer, of the ship Antarctic, of New York, with his crew, did nobly aid, and, with heroic devotion endeavor to rescue the passengers from the above unfortunate vessel, and

Whereas, Captain C. B. Pendleton, of the American ship Lucy Thompson, of New York, did generously aid in bringing into this port a portion of the surviving passengers, therefore,

Resolved, That the Common Council of the city of New York have heard with feelings of gratitude and deep interest of the daring and gallant conduct of the officers and crews of the above-named vessels, who, at the imminent hazards of their lives, were the means of saving a large number of persons from the San Francisco, upon the occasion of her recent shipwreck, and for which they are entitled to, and we hereby tender to them the thanks of the inhabitants of this, the first commercial city of the Western World, and commend them and their families to the care and attention of those whose duty it is to protect the interest of our gallant seamen.

Resolved, That the Freedom of this city be tendered to Captain Robert Creighton, of the ship Three Bells,

and to Captain Edwin J. Low, of the bark Kilby, and a copy of this resolution, and a committee of three be appointed to carry the same into effect. *Adopted by the Board of Councilmen Jan. 19th. Approved by the Mayor Jan. 20th.*

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen held the 22d. Day of April, 1861.

The following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, That the thanks of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, are hereby tendered to Major Robert Anderson, of the United States Army, for his gallant defense of Fort Sumter, against a vastly superior force of men, guns, and fortifications ; that as an evidence of the high appreciation of this municipality for the faithful manner in which he discharged the delicate and responsible duties which devolved upon the commandant of that fort, the Freedom of the City be and is hereby conferred upon Major Anderson, in token of which it is directed that a gold box be presented to him by his Honor, the Mayor, and that for this purpose the sum of be appropriated. And be it further

Resolved, That the Governor's Rooms in the City Hall be, and they are hereby placed at the disposal of Major Anderson, for any day upon which it may be convenient for him to receive the congratulations of the inhabitants of this City.

Resolved, That a select committee of the Board of Aldermen and the Board of Councilmen, to consist of five members of each Board, be appointed to carry the foregoing resolutions into effect.

Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing resolutions be suitably engrossed, and transmitted to Major Anderson by the joint committee.

Resolved, That the sum of five hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated for the purchase

of a gold box, to be presented to Major Robert Anderson, of the United States Army, in token of the Freedom of the City, conferred upon him for gallant and distinguished services at Fort Sumter. *Adopted by the Councilmen April* 29. *Approved by the Mayor, May* 1, 1861.

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen held the 2d. Day of June, 1862.

Preamble and Resolution offered by Henry W. Genet.

Whereas, Our distinguished fellow citizen, Thurlow Weed, Esq., who for the last six months has been engaged in England and France in enlightening public opinion there in regard to the true character of the infamous rebellion which exists in the Southern States, and has thus rendered to the country valuable services, deserving public recognition ; and

Whereas, It is expected that Mr. Weed will arrive at this city during the present week ; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Freedom of the City be tendered to Mr. Weed, and that the Committee on National Affairs be instructed to take such steps as may be proper, to extend to him the hospitalities of the city on his arrival here, and extend to him a public reception.

Which was adopted on a division ; yeas 13, nays 2. *Concurred in by the Board of Councilmen June 2d*, 1862 ; *yeas* 17, *nays* 3.

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen held the 5th. Day of June, 1862.

The following message was received from his Honor the Mayor, vetoing the resolution extending the hospitalities of this City to Thurlow Weed, Esq. :

Mayor's Office, June 5, 1862.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen—I return without my approval the preamble and resolution tendering to Mr. Thurlow Weed, the Freedom of the City, and instructing the Committtee on National Affairs "to take such steps as may be proper to extend to him the hospitalities of the city on his arrival here, and extend to him a public reception."

The ceremonies and ovation contemplated by this resolution necessarily involve the expenditure of public money. All doubt on this point is removed by the rejection of an amendment to the resolution offered in the Board of Councilmen, providing that no expense shall be incurred thereby.

Such being the character of the resolution, the City Charter requires that it shall receive the votes of three-fourths of all the members elected to each branch of the Common Council. Section forty-two of that instrument is in these words: "No money shall be expended by the Corporation for any celebration, procession, or entertainment of any kind, or on any occasion, unless by the votes of three-fourths of all the members elected to each Board of the Common Council."

On examination of the official proceedings of the Common Council, I find that this resolution failed to receive the vote required by this section, and is, therefore, clearly illegal.

Candor requires me to add, that if this insuperable objection to the resolution had not existed, there are others which would have constrained me to withhold my approval.

George Opdyke, Mayor.

Which was received, laid on the table, and directed to be printed at length in the minutes, and published in all the newspapers employed by the Corporation.

Among the passengers by the Persia yesterday was Mr. Thurlow Weed, of the Albany Evening Journal, who has been designated by some of our contemporaries on the other side of the water as the "Warwick," of the Northern States. How far this title may be applicable to the modest, retiring gentleman, who has for so many years filled so large a space in e annals of the history of our State, it is not for the porter to say; but that he bears his honors meekly, must be truly said and written. Mr. Weed, who went to Europe as a private citizen, returns to be crowned with municipal laurels, and honored with municipal attentions.

On the arrival of the Persia yesterday, Mr. Weed was met first by intimate personal friends, who had notice of his coming—Messrs. Dawson, James Davis, H. G. Hastings, J. E. Coulter, and others—whose greeting was as informal as it was hearty. Alderman Smith, chairman of the joint committee appointed by the Common Council to tender to him the hospitalities of the city and a public reception, was then introduced, much to Mr. Weed's surprise, but in answer to the prepared speech of the Alderman, he simply thanked them for the great courtesy extended to him, as unexpected as it was unusual, and asked time to consider what action he should take upon the occasion. *The N. Y. Times, June* 6, 1862.

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen held the 16th. Day of June, 1862.

The veto message of the Mayor, of resolution extending the hospitalities of the city to Thurlow Weed, was taken from the table and the resolution passed, notwithstanding the objection of the Mayor by a division; yeas 13, nays 3.

Concurred in by the Board of Councilmen, June 26th., 1862; *yeas* 16, *nays* 2.

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen held the 7th. Day of July, 1862.

The Committee on National Affairs, to whom were referred a preamble and resolution, tendering the hospitalities of the city to Thurlow Weed, Esq., having undertaken the performance of the pleasing duty assigned them, presented Mr. Weed, as a part of the proposed ceremonies incident to the occasion, a duly authenticated copy of the said preamble and resolution, properly engrossed,* to which the accompanying reply from Mr. Weed was received, declining the offer of such hospitalities, and which your Committee desire to present to the Common Council.

Terence Farley,
Henry Smith,
John Hogan,
Peter Mitchell,
Ira A. Allen,
Charles J. Chipp,
} Committee on National Affairs.

Albany, July 1. 1862.

Gentlemen :—I received, with a grateful sense of the honor they confer, the very flattering resolution adopted by the Common Council of our Commercial Metropolis. I accept them, frankly and proudly, as emanations rather of your own generous constructions than as merited by any service it may have been in my power to render our country.

If, during a temporary residence in Europe, I have been enabled, in some degree, to relieve the complication in which our affairs were involved ; to do some-

* Mr. Weed returned to the United States in June. As he stepped off the steamer he was met by a committee of the Common Council delegated to inform him that in recognition of his services in Europe, he had been tendered, by a unanimous vote, the Freedom of the City of New York ; which would be presented in a costly gold box, at a public dinner given by the city in honor of the recipient, that custom having been established when this distinguished honor was conferred upon Washington and Lafayette. *Memoir of Thurlow Weed, by Thurlow Weed Barnes, 1884, page 413.*

thing towards vindicating our Government from unjust aspersions ; or to aid in turning back the tide of popular sentiment, setting so strongly against our cause, it was owing to the prompt and generous confidence reposed in me by our distinguished representatives in England and France. In bearing testimony, as is both a duty and a pleasure, to the ability and fidelity of Mr. Adams and Mr. Dayton, I cannot forbear to add that, rising above considerations which might have disturbed Ministers less truly devoted to their country, they not only accepted unofficial co-operation, but disembarrassed my colleagues and myself, by cheerfully facilitating our efforts. It is a pleasure, also, to add that, on several occasions and in essential ways, I was efficiently aided by Mr. Sanford, our indefatigable Minister to Belgium. Nor could the Government, in a season of trial and difficulty, have made happier selections of Consuls in Paris and London. Messrs. Bigelow and Morse are discharging their responsible duties in a manner worthy of all praise.

Our government was by no means too prompt in inviting some of its citizens to visit Europe. It is to be regretted that two or three eminent gentlemen, to whom it is understood that invitation extended, were unable to accept it, for the field was large and the laborers few. In the designation of Archbishop Hughes, and Bishop McIlvaine, however, the Government was peculiarly fortunate. The services of these enlightened and eminent divines and devoted Union men, the former in Paris, and the latter all over England, were seasonable and effective. Their exalted positions, their high characters, and their fervid zeal, gave weight and authority to their statements and opinions.

Secession, while undermining for ultimate rebellion, was thoughtful of the importance of the favor of Europe. The South, with its long-cherished purpose, worked as diligently abroad as at home. The North, unconscious of the great crime meditated, slept. Active emissaries of secession, aided too often by sym-

pathizing Ministers and Consuls, settled the public mind on the other side of the Atlantic against us. Public opinion was formed against the Union, before our side of the question was presented, or heard. By turning truth end for end, and reading history backwards, we were held by Europeans as the aggressors! The last three months of Mr. Buchanan's Administration were almost as injurious abroad as at home; for there, as here, loyal men only occupied the places of disloyal Cabinet and Foreign Ministers, too late to nip rebellion in the bud.

Unfortunately, there were causes, as well as pretexts, for the lack of sympathy which we encountered in Europe. The governments of the old world remember that, from the nature of our institutions, our own sympathies have generally run with those who have struggled to overthrow monarchies, and that we have shown alacrity in recognizing the independence of such as struggled successfully. With the nations most intimately connected with us the "Morrill Tariff" was regarded with great disfavor. In England it was believed that we not only cherished unfriendly feelings towards that country, but that we desired a disruption of friendly relations. The emissaries of rebellion seized upon these causes and pretexts, to turn the current of feeling in their favor. It was, too, plausibly urged, that the difference in climate, soil, habits, and "want of congeniality" between the North and South constituted such radical discordance, that our Union had become an impossibility. Indeed these fallacies were so successfully pressed, that Mr. Gladstone, in a recent speech at Manchester, stated that the Union was but a copartnership, dissoluble whenever passion or caprice prompted, in any of the parties, a desire to withdraw. That eminent statesman—if, for a moment we adopt his theory—overlooked, or ignored the circumstance, that our secession copartners, in retiring, broke open the safe, and stole valuable securities, the common property of the firm—or, in other words, that, in

separating, they seized the fortifications, the arms, the Custom-houses, the post-offices, and the public moneys—acts of treason in a public, or of robbery in a private sense, which would, perpetrated in England, have consigned them to the Tower or the penitentiary.

While England, France, Belgium, and Germany begin to experience serious inconvenience and embarrassment from their short supply of cotton, I do not apprehend immediately, that these Governments will interfere, though, with the two former, the subject has been considered. It is proper to say that France is even more impatient than England; not, however, from unfriendliness, but because the emperor assumes, in absence of employment, to supply his people with food.

But we have nothing to fear from Europe, if we are successful in the prosecution of the war. Fort Donelson, Nashville, Winchester, New Orleans, and Memphis are our strongest arguments against intervention, with Governments that determine all questions by military measurement.

There are, however, but too well-founded reasons for apprehending future embroilment with England. Nor can I doubt the propriety of dwelling briefly, but earnestly, upon a danger fraught with consequences so vital to the welfare of both nations. The Trent affair, though happily, because rightfully, settled, has left an arrow with poisoned barb festering in our flesh, and irritating our nerves. The impression that England, willing to take us at disadvantage, availed herself of the erring judgment or impulsive zeal of a naval commander, to wage war upon us, has obtained throughout our country. That England expected war, and intended war, making with unparalleled alacrity, and in gigantic proportions, preparations for war, is admitted to be true. But, with opportunities favorable to a correct understanding of the views of the English Government, and of the feelings that swayed the English mind, I am bound, in truth and fairness, to say,

that that Government and people sincerely believed that we desired a rupture with them; that we sought occasion to taunt and snub them; and, egregiously unfounded as the supposition was, that the present Secretary of State was the representative of this hostile sentiment. In justification of these impressions, it was said that by "bullying" we obtained advantages in the settlement of the north-eastern and Vancouver boundary questions; that we abruptly dismissed their Minister, Mr. Crampton, and their consul, Mr. Barclay; that our sympathies, in their war with Russia, were with their enemy; that we had often threatened to wrest Canada from them; and, finally, that Secretary Seward had avowed hostile intentions towards England.

Some of these grounds of complaint were, as we know, well taken, and all were *believed* to be so.

We all felt that the recognition of the Southern Confederacy as a belligerent, by England and France, was an over-hasty and ungracious act. But, in submitting the proposition to the French emperor, the English crown lawyers enforced it by arguments which, from that standpoint, were forcible. Both Governments supposed that the insurgent States had, or could fit out vessels of war, and wished to relieve themselves from the responsibility of treating such vessels as pirates. In this they erred; for, without the impunity thus extended to them, not even the Nashville or Sumter would ever have ventured to sea.

But, notwithstanding these adverse influences, and the existence, in certain high quarters, of views not friendly to the success of our form of government, the Union has many ardent, well-wishing friends in England, and can have many more, if we act justly ourselves, and labor to correct grossly erroneous impressions. The paths of peace are the only paths of pleasantness for England and America. In view of dangers which I do not exaggerate—dangers growing out of mutual misapprehension of each other's real sentiments—it behooves the Government, the Press and the People of

both countries, by enlightened counsels, large toleration, and wise forbearance, to soothe, rather than stimulate existing irritation. Nor in forming our estimate of the degree and value of English sympathy during our domestic troubles, is the fact, that her Queen and House of Commons modified harsh dispatches and resisted unfriendly legislation, without significance.

To have been deemed worthy, by the Boards of Aldermen and Councilmen of the city of New York, of the high municipal honors which their resolutions confer, is a distinction of which any man would be proud—to me it is a treasure more "precious than rubies" or "fine gold." In again thanking you for this undeserved honor, I beg to assure you that, while I may be unable to justify this partiality, I shall at least do nothing that will induce the Common Council to regret its action.

Born upon the banks of the Hudson River, my advent in the city of New York, in the year 1807, was in the capacity of cabin-boy to the sloop Jefferson, Capt. Jacobus Bogardus, of Catskill; and my first entrance to the city, from Coenties slip up Broad street, with the trunk of a passenger on my shoulder, is a well-remembered incident. Subsequently, in 1816, '17 and '18, I wrought there as a journeyman printer. Having, therefore, obtained an early foothold in our great metropolis, and witnessed its wonderful growth, its unparalleled prosperity, and its unfolding material and intellectual glories, during a period which has augmented its population from less than one hundred thousand to more than a million, you will pardon the weakness which confesses its pride in being invested with the Freedom of a city destined to become what London is—a centre and depository of the wealth, power and wisdom of the world.

In declining the hospitalities which your resolutions contemplate, and your Committee tender—though your own generous sympathies need no prompting—permit me to suggest that the city's good cheer be

reserved for and dispensed among the survivors of the gallant men who uphold the cause of the Union in sanguinary battles, with a steadiness and heroism which entitle them to our affection and gratitude.

Respectfully and truly
Your obedient servant,
Thurlow Weed.

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen held the 27th. Day of September, 1862.

Resolved, That the sum of one hundred and ninety-eight dollars and twenty-five cents be, and the same is hereby appropriated for the expenses attending the reception of Thurlow Weed, Esq., and that the Comptroller be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay the amount, upon the presentation of the proper vouchers. *Adopted by the Councilmen, Oct. 17th. Approved by the Mayor, Oct. 23d.* 1862.

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen held the 13th. Day of August, 1863.

Whereas, Rear-Admiral David Glasgow Farragut, the heroic chief of the Western Gulf Blockading Squadron, is now temporarily residing in this city; and

Whereas, The indomitable energy, unsurpassed skill, and heroic intrepidity that have characterized the career of Admiral Farragut, from the period of his entrance into the Navy of the United States, when a mere boy of nine years of age, until the present time, when he takes rank among the veterans of the naval service, a career that commenced as a midshipman on board the world-renowned Essex, Commodore David D. Porter, and was inaugurated in the terrific contest between that vessel and the British ships Phœbe and Cherub, in the harbor of Valparaiso, during the war of 1812, and which culminated in the passage of Forts

Jackson and St. Philip, and the Chalmete Batteries, mounting over two hundred and fifty guns, the dispersion, destruction, or capture of the enemy's flotilla of about twenty vessels, guarding the Mississippi, below New Orleans; the capture of that city; the passage and bombardment of the fortifications at Vicksburg, Grand Gulf, Warrenton, Baton Rouge, and Donaldsonville, achievements which, combined with the victories of the land forces of the United States, under General Grant at Vicksburg, and General Banks at Port Hudson, resulted in dividing in twain the so-called Confederate States; in paralyzing their resistance to the legitimate Government of the Union; in rendering nugatory the efforts of a most determined, unscrupulous and desperate domestic foe to accomplish the disruption of this, the most liberal government in the world, and which eventuates in opening to the commerce of the nation the inestimable blessings and advantages of the free navigation of the "Father of Waters," from its source to its embouchures—a career so unrivalled and brilliant, that it must challenge the admiration of the world, and particularly of every lover of this country and its free institutions; and

Whereas, The exhibition of such rare patriotism, devotion to and love of country in one who is a native of, and was domiciled in one of the disaffected States, at the time of the outbreak of the rebellion, and who so manfully resisted every overture made, and advantage proffered to assist in betraying his country, by those who had sworn to be its defenders, but adds, were such an addition possible, to the reputation of Rear-Admiral David G. Farragut, for honesty, integrity, and patriotic devotion to his country, at that time in the utmost need of the services of her children, particularly of those whom she had educated and fostered—thus presenting another among the many instances where citizens of Southern birth have proved themselves "faithful among the faithless," and whose adhesion to the cause of the Union and the

Constitution, but tends to prove the hopelessness of their destruction, and the futility of the attempt of the traitors then and now in arms for their subversion; and

Whereas, It is in an especial manner the duty, as it is the pride of this Common Council, the representatives of the great commercial centre of this hemisphere, to bear willing testimony to the appreciation by themselves and their constituents of the patriotic worth, heroic valor, and untiring energy displayed by Admiral Farragut in every position he has occupied during his long, eventful, and useful life, in which he has had an opportunity of exhibiting to an admiring country those great and manly qualities, so characteristic of the American Navy, and as it is equally the duty of this Common Council to add their feeble tribute of admiration and respect for one in so pre-eminent a degree deserving of such a mark of esteem, with a view of perpetuating to our remotest posterity, the bright record of the name and fame of Rear-Admiral David G. Farragut, and in the hope of inspiring to deeds of emulation the youth of the "Great Republic;" be it therefore

Resolved, That the Freedom and hospitalities of this city be, and hereby are, respectfully tendered, by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York on behalf of its inhabitants, to Rear-Admiral David Glasgow Farragut; that he hereby is earnestly requested to visit the Governor's Room, in the City Hall, on any day most suitable to his convenience, to receive formally the congratulations of the municipal authorities, and of affording our citizens an opportunity of paying their respects, personally, to the "Hero of the Mississippi;" and the Committee on National Affairs of both branches of the Common Council are hereby authorized to make the necessary arrangements for carrying into effect the provisions of this resolution; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing preamble

and resolution be suitably engrossed, duly authenticated, and appropriately framed, and presented to Admiral Farragut.

Adopted by the Board of Councilmen, August 14th. Approved by the Mayor, August 17th.

At a meeting of the Board of Councilmen held the 29th. Day of December, 1864.

Whereas, Intelligence has reached this Common Council that Vice-Admiral David Glasgow Farragut and Captain Percival Drayton, of the United States Navy, are at present staying in the city of New York; and

Whereas, It is appropriate and becoming that public notice should be taken of the arrival within our midst of two such distinguished representatives of American seamen, and that full opportunity be allowed our fellow-citizens to meet with and congratulate them on the glorious results of their achievements; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Freedom and hospitalities of the City of New York are hereby tendered to Vice-Admiral David Glasgow Farragut and Captain Percival Drayton by this Common Council, acting in behalf of their fellow-citizens, and that they are respectfully invited to visit the Governor's Room in the City Hall, on any day they may deem proper to designate, to receive the congratulations of the municipal authorities, and to afford an opportunity to the citizens in general of paying their respects to those intrepid and distinguished guests. *Adopted by the Board of Aldermen Dec. 31st. Approved by the Mayor, Dec. 31st.*

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen held the 27th. Day of August, 1866.

Whereas, His Excellency, Andrew Johnson, President of the United States, will visit this city on

Wednesday next, the 29th. instant, while *en route* for the city of Chicago ; and

Whereas, It is due, as well to the exalted position he occupies as the Chief Executive officer of the Republic as to the ability, patriotism, and devotion to the best interests of the nation that have characterized his administration of the duties incident to this great office, that the people of this metropolis should, in a manner befitting the occasion, and through their representatives in the Common Council, be afforded an opportunity of testifying their respect and regard for him, personally, and of demonstrating their admiration for the eminently wise, national, and conciliatory measures proposed and adopted by him in his untiring efforts to inaugurate and perpetuate a new era of kindness and fraternal regard between all the States and people comprising the American Union ; be it, therefore

Resolved, That a Special Committee of five members from each branch of the Common Council be appointed, to act conjointly with His Honor, the Mayor, to wait on His Excellency, Andrew Johnson, upon his arrival in this city, and tender to him the Freedom and hospitalities of the city of New York ; that the Governor's Room in the City Hall be placed at his disposal in which to receive the congratulations of our citizens ; and that the Committee be, and hereby is authorized and empowered to make such other and necessary arrangements as will afford the people of the city an opportunity of manifesting their affection for the President and of testifying their adherence and devotion to the principles entertained and advocated by him, of good-will, peace and reconciliation between all sections of our common country. *Adopted by the Councilmen, August 27th. Approved by the Mayor, August 27th.*

III.

APPENDIX TO ROLL OF FREEMEN.

1695—1774.

APPENDIX TO ROLL OF FREEMEN.

1695—1774.

No. 1.

At a Common Council held the 8th. of July, 1695.

Upon Reading an Order from his Excellency the Governour, Directed to the Mayor & Magistrates of this Citty, Requireing them forthwith to summons in all the Freemen of this Citty who by themselves or servants are to be Immediably Imployed In the Repaire of ye Fortifications, Bulwarks, Flankes & Batteries thereof & that they are to see that all the Guns Mounted upon any of ye Fortifications be ready and fitt for present Service, Powder, Ball, and Gunners proper and fitt to Answer the Present Occasion for the Defence and Security of this Citty &c. And the same being Considered, itt is the Opinion of this board that itt is Requisite and Convenient the Fortifications be put in Repaire and that the Freemen &c. of ye said Citty be forthwith ordered to Labour in the Reparation of ye same ; but are also humbly of Opinion that they have not power to Raise Money upon the Inhabitants for the Materialls that will be wanting and Needfull for the Effectual doeing thereof.

City Records.

No. 2.

At a Common Council held the 19th. of November, 1695.

Ordered that the several Laws hereafter named be fairly Engrossed and Printed *viz* :—[See Jan. 16. 1695.]

No. 10 Freemen to be Inrolled & Sworne
" 11 Apprentices to be bound before ye Mayor or some Aldermen.

City Records.

No. 3.

At a Common Council held the 10th. of December, 1695.

The following Laws were read and approved and Ordered to be forthwith Published.

No. 3 Concerning Freemen.
" 22 Freemen to be Inrolled.
" 23 Apprentices to be bound before ye Mayor, &c.

The above named Laws were after the Ringing of three Bells Published according to Order.

City Records.

No. 4.

At a Common Council held the 12th. of December, 1695.

The following Oath of a Freeman was read and Approved and Ordered the said be Printed and Administred to all such as shall be made Freemen of this City.

THE OATH OF A FREEMAN.

[Blank in City Records.]

City Records.

No. 5.

At a Common Council held the 13th. of December, 1695.

Resolved, That the Inhabitants of this Citty their Apprentices and Children that were here at the time

the Charter was Granted be Allowed and Deemed Freemen of this Citty they Registring their Names in the Town Clerkes office for which each person soe Registred shall pay Nine pence.

City Records.

No. 6.

At a Common Council held January 23d. 1695–6.

The Petition of Direck Slike, Francis Cooley, John Daniell, Peter Oday, Melgert Casparas Springsteen, William Gysbert, John Doublett & Simeon Soumoine was read & Ordered that they be Admitted Freemen of this City, paying the Fees of their Certificates only.

City Records.

No. 7.

At a Common Council held Nov. 25th. 1697.

The Several Laws and Ordinances to be continued in force for the space of three months.

No. 3 Concerning Freemen
" 22 Freemen to be Inrolled
" 23 Apprentices to be bound before the Mayor, &c.

City Records.

No. 8.

At a Common Council held May 23d. 1698.

Ordered that for ye time to Come No Freemen be admitted into this Citty but what shall be soe Allowed by the Mayor and three Aldermen pursuant to the directions of the Charter.

That No man for ye time to Come doe Claime a Right of being a freeman of this Citty that shall be

Absent Out of the same for the Space of twelve Months, Unless he shall keep fire and Candle, and pay Scott and Lott, and in Case any person that is a freeman and shall be Absent as Aforesaid and not pay Scott and Lott and keep Fire and Candle shall loose his freedom.

City Records.

No. 9.

At a Common Council held June 20th. 1698.

Ordered that all the Inhabitants of this Citty their Apprentices and Children that were here the time the Charter was Granted be Allowed Deemed & Esteemed Freemen of this Citty they Registring their Names in the Town Clerkes Office for which each person soe Registred shall pay Nine pence. Provided that None be Registred Under ye Age of twenty-one Years and that the said Register be taken before the Mayor and two Aldermen who are to sitt Every Tuesday Morning att ye Citty Hall from the hours of Nine to Eleaven of the Clock till the same be perfected. And that the Oath of a freeman of this Citty be Administred to all that Come to be Registred.

Ordered, That all the printed Laws, Orders and Ordinances of this Citty be Continued in force for three Months longer, Except what Relates to the Inrollment of Freemen and Apprentices.

City Records.

No. 10.

At a Common Council held October 10th. 1698.

William Sharpas, Town Clerk, to be paid for "printing Certificates of Naturalization."

City Records.

No. 11.

At a Common Council held March 31st. 1699.

The Petition of Robert Cranell was read and the Courte doe Order that he be Admitted a Freeman of this Citty Gratis, he being a poor man & not able to purchase ye same.

City Records.

No. 12.

David Provoost as Mayor of this City hath not by any of the City Books accounted for the Freedoms and Lycenses during his Mayoralty in which 52 persons paid Excise to the Collector, and the same year were granted 24 Freedoms to Mechanicks and one to a Merchant, the usual fees of each Lycense is for the City 18 shillings, each Tradesmans Freedom 24 shillings and each Merchants £3,12, the whole if computed is £63,8. *Report to the Common Council, January* 19, 1710-11.

City Records.

No. 13.

Certificate of a Freeman (manuscript form) from the original in possession of the New York Historical Society.

Citty of New Yorke, } ss.

[L. S.]

Isaac De Riemer Esq^r^ Mayor and the Aldermen of the Citty of New Yorke. To all to whome these presents shall Come Send Greeting Whereas Thomas Evans, Bricklayer hath made application to be made a Freeman and Cittizen of the said Citty. These are therefore to Certifie and Declare that the said Thomas Evans is hereby Admitted Received and

allowed a Freeman and Cittizen of the said Citty, to Have, Hold Enjoy and Partake of all the Benefitts Liberties Priviledges Freedoms & Immunities Whatsovever Granted or belonging to the same. IN TESTIMONY, whereof the said Mayor hath hereunto Subscribed his Name and Caused the seale of the said Citty to be affixed the first day of October, Anno. Dom̃. 1701. *Annoq. Rog. Regs. Will. tertii. Nunc. An &c. Decimo tertio.*

I. D: Riemer, Mayor.

Will. Sharpas Clk.

No. 14.

At a Common Council held December 23d. 1701.

The following Laws Orders and Ordinances of this Citty were read and Ordered and Established in full force and Vertue till further Order viz: [here follows the titles of 38 Ordinances]

No. 3 Concerning Freemen
" 22 Freemen to be Inrolled
" 23 Apprentices to be bound before the Mayor, &c.
" 26 Oath of a Freeman
" 29 Law Relating to Apprentices
" 30 Who are Deemed Freemen
" 31 Freemen to be made by the Mayor and Aldermen.

City Records.

No. 15.

At a Common Council held May 12th. 1702.

Ordered that all the Soldiers of his Majesties Garrison Forte William Henry in this Citty that are his Majesties Natural borne Subjects be made freemen of this Corporation Gratis, Any former Law to the Con-

trary Notwithstanding and that Mr. Mayor Administer unto them the Oath of a Freeman and Grant them Certificates of the same under the Seale of the Citty accordingly.

At a Common Council held May 26th. 1702.

Whereas, His most sacred Majesty among many other princely favours shown to this Province, hath sent over during the Late Warr a Considerable number of forces to protect and secure us from the Insults of our Enemies the French of Canada and their Indians, which forces for our further protection his Majesty has been graciously pleased to continue amongst us.

And Whereas, All manner of Provisions and Apparell are much dearer in this Citty than in England whereby the said soldiers Cannot Convenienly subsist of their pay only, but the most of them being Tradesmen which had they a Liberty to Exercise within this Corporation itt would not only Enable them to live Comfortably but Impede their dissertion and Encourage them in their duty and also others to List themselves in the said service.

And Whereas, By the By-Laws of this Corporation No person whatsoever can keep shop or Exercise any handy Craft Trade or Occupation but such as are Freemen thereof under the penalty of five pounds for each offence after warning given.

Therefore this Court taking into Consideration the many signal favours aforesaid and in token of their duty and gratitude for the same doe hereby *Resolve and Order*. That all the Officers and Soldiers (who are his Majesties Natural borne Subjects) belonging to his Majesties Garrison Forte William Henry within this Citty be made Freemen of this Corporation Gratis & *Ordered*, That the Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen administer unto them the Oath of a Freeman and grant them Certificates thereof under the Seale of the Citty and that the Town Clerke Register their Names

as Freemen accordingly, any former Law to the Contrary in any wise Notwithstanding.

City Records.

See the Case of William Atwood, *Collections of N. Y. Historical Society, for* 1880, *pages* 266, 290, *and* 315.

No. 16.

At a Common Council held June 27th. 1702.

Resolved, That all persons that are now dwellers within this Citty that are her Majesties Natural borne Subjects or Naturalized or Denizized that are poor and not able to purchase their Freedoms be made Freemen of this Citty Gratis & Ordered that the Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen doe Administer unto such the Oath of a Freeman of this Citty and that the Mayor Execute Certificates thereof under the Seale of the said Citty, any former Law of this Citty to the Contrary hereof Notwithstanding.

City Records.

No. 17.

At a Common Council held June 27th. 1702.

Resolved, That John Bridges, Doctor of Laws, Mr. Robert Milward, Mr. Charles Congreve, Mr. Edward Rich, Mr. Philip Rokeby, Mr. William Lovell, Mr. John Freeman, Mr. John Pierson, Mr. Peter Faucounier, Mr. Henry Swift, Mr. May Bickley, Mr. William Carter, Mr. Mott, and such Others of the household as Came into this Province with his Excellency the Lord Cornbury be made Freemen of this City Gratis Any Law of this Corporation to the Contrary Notwithstanding, Provided they be all her Majesties Natural borne Subjects or Naturalized or Denizized as by the Charter of this Citty is Required.

City Records.

No. 18.

At a Common Council held June 27th. 1702.

Resolved, That this Court in the Name of this Corporation doe Complement his Excellency Edward Viscount Cornbury, Capt. General and Governour in Chiefe of this Province &c: with a Freedom of this Citty and that the Mayor Execute the same and Cause the Seale to be Covered with a Gold Box. That Alderman Boelen doe make the said Box Convenient for the use, and that the Mayor Issue his Warrant to the Treasurer for the Payment of the Charge thereof.

At a Common Council held December 1st. 1702.

Ordered, This Court forthwith waite upon his Excellency Edward Viscount Cornbury, Capt. General and Governour in Chiefe of this Province and present him with the freedom of this Citty and that Mr. Recorder [Broughton] make a Speech to his Excellency suitable to the Occasion.

City Records.

No. 19.

At a Common Council held July 11th. 1702.

Ordered that the Third Printed Law of this Corporation called (Concerning Freemen) be Repealed and the said Law is hereby Repealed accordingly.

Ordered that all the Laws, Orders and Ordinances of this Citty which were published the Eighteenth day of March last past be Continued in force till further Order, the third printed Law Concerning freemen only Excepted which is Repealed.

Ordered that no person or persons whatsoever within this Citty and Liberties doe keep shop or sell any goods or Wares by Retaile or Exercise any handy Craft Trade or Occupation but such as are Freemen

thereof or soe Admitted by the Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen, or by the Mayor or any three or more of the Aldermen (after Legal warning given) under the penalty of five pounds for Each Offence. And all persons hereafter to be made free shall pay as followeth.

Every Merchant Trader or Shop Keeper the sum of Twenty shillings and

Every handy Craft Tradesman, Six Shillings Currant Money of New Yorke with Customary fees on being made free as aforesaid for the use of this Citty and that such as are not able to pay for the same shall be made free Gratis.

City Records.

No. 20.

At a Common Council held October 26th. 1702.

Ordered Benjamin Barnes who Came over with his Excellency be made a Freeman of this Corporation and he was Sworne accordingly.

City Records.

No. 21.

At a Common Council held March 9th. 1702-3.

Ordered that Elias Desgrange, Peruke maker who came hither with his Excellency the Governour be made a Freeman of this Corporation Gratis.

City Records.

No. 22.

At a Common Council held October 23d. 1703.

Resolved that Matthias Pooley, Painter, Nicholas Pooley, Taylor, and George Booth, Joyner, being poor Tradesmen and not able to pay, be made Freemen of this Corporation Gratis.

City Records.

No. 23.

At a Common Council held April 11th. 1704.

Ordered that Thomas Byerley, Esq[r], her Majesties Receiver of this Province and George Clarke, Esqr, Secretary of the same be Complimented with the Freedom of this City.

City Records.

No. 24.

At a Common Council held May 25th. 1704.

Ordered that Mrs. Jael Ratier, Widdow of Jacob Ratier, late of this City Marriner deceased have Liberty to follow any Lawfull Trade or Imployment within this Corporation for the better obtaining a livelyhood for her and her family during her well behaving her selfe any former Law of this Corporation to the Contrary Notwithstanding.

City Records.

No. 25.

At a Common Council held October 3d. 1704.

Resolved that Jacob Regnier, Esqr. Barrister att Law be Complemented with the Freedom of this City.

City Records.

No. 26.

At a Common Council held December 22d. 1704.

Ordered that Mary Lawrence, Widdow have Liberty to follow any Lawfull Trade or imployment within this City for the better obtaining a livelyhood for herselfe and family any Law of this Corporation to the Contrary Notwithstanding.

City Records.

No. 27.

At a Common Council held July 11th. 1706.

An Ordinance was passed for the carrying on the Fortifications of the City. It recites that the Act of General Assembly passed June 1706, "Enacted that from and after the publication of the said Act [An Act to Enable the Mayor, Aldermen and Common Council of the City of New York to Carry on the Fortifications of the said City] all and Every the Citizens, *Freeholders* and housekeepers of the City of New York being Inhabitants of the same City for and during the Term and Space of two Years Either by themselves or sufficient Labourers shall doe such Labour att such days and times at such place or places and in such manner and forme for the fortifying of the said City of New York and for Maintaining the same in Repair as shall from time to time be directed and appointed by the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen and Assistants of the said City of New York or the Major part of them Convened in Common Council on Penelty of six shillings for every Neglect Refusal or default to be forfeited and paid by Every such person or persons who shall Neglect Refuse or delay to doe and performe such labour by themselves or A sufficient Labourer in their Stead and place."

City Records.

No. 28.

At a Common Council held Dec. 21st. 1706.

Ordered that the following Laws, Orders and Ordinances be and are hereby Published and Continued in force for the [usual] space of three Months. They number 42.

No. 19 Freemen to be Enrolled

" 20 Apprentices to be bound before the Mayor, Recorder or an Alderman

No. 24 Oath of a Freeman
" 27 Law relating to Apprentices
" 28 Who are deemed Freemen
" 29 Freemen made by the Mayor and three Aldermen.

City Records.

No. 29.

At a Common Council held March 28th. 1707.

Ordered that the following Laws Orders and Ordnances [26 in number] of this City after the Ringing of three Bells were publickly read and published, being first Ordered Ordained and Established to be Countinue and Remaine in full force and Vertue for the Term of three months from and after the date hereof.

No. 11 Freemen and Apprentices

Ordered that the aforesaid Laws be forthwith printed.

City Records.

Free-Men and Appentices.

Be it Ordained by the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen and Assistants of the City of *New York*, convened in Common Council, and it is hereby Ordained by the Authority of the same, That no Person or Persons whatsoever within this City and Liberties thereof do Keep Shop or sell any Goods or Wares by Retail, or exercise any Handy-craft Trade or Occupation, but such as are Freemen thereof, or so admitted by the Mayor, Recorder & Aldermen, or by the Mayor or any three or more of the Aldermen (after legal warning given) under the penalty of five Pounds for each offence. And all Persons hereafter to be made free shall pay as followeth, Every Merchant, Trade or Shop-keeper the sum of 20*s*, and every Handy-craft Trades-man 6*s*. current Money of New York, with

customary Fees on being made Free, as aforesaid, for the use of this City. And that such as are not able to pay for the same, shall be made Free *gratis*.

Who to be deemed Free-men.

And be it further ordain'd by the Authority aforesaid, That all the Inhabitants of this City, that are natural born, naturalized or Denizons, their Apprentices and Children that were in the said City at the time the Charter was granted, be allowed and deemed Freemen of this City, they Registering their Names in the Town Clerk's Office, for which each person so registered shall pay 9*d*.

Apprentices to be bound before the Mayor, &c.

And be it further Ordained, &c. That no Merchant or Handy-craft Tradesman shall take any Apprentices, to teach or instruct them in their Trade or Calling, without being bound by Indenture before the Mayor, Recorder, or any one of the Aldermen of the said City, and Registered in the Town Clerks Office, and not for a less term than four years, and at the expiration of the said Indentures, the said Apprentice shall be made free of the said City by the Master, if he have well and truly served him; and the Clerk shall have for registering each Indenture of Apprenticeship, the sum of three Shillings, to be paid by the Master of such Apprentice bound as aforesaid. And that all Indentures of Apprenticeship hereafter to be made within this City contrary to the true intent and meaning hereof, shall be void and of none effect.

The Oath of a Freeman of the City of New York.

Ye shall Swear, That ye shall be good & true to our Soveraign Lady Queen *Anne*, and to the Heirs of our said Soveraign Lady the Queen. Obeysont and

Obedient shall ye be to the Mayor and Ministers of this City, the Franchises and Customs thereof. Ye shall maintain, and this City Keep harmless, in that which is in you is. Ye shall be contributing to all manner of Charges within this City, as Summons, Watches, Contributions, Taxes, Tallages, Lot and Scott, and all other Charges, bearing your part as a Free-man ought to do. Ye shall know no Forreigner to buy or sell any Merchandize with any other Forreigners within this City or Franchize thereof, but ye shall warn the Mayor thereof, or some Minister of the Mayors. Ye shall implead or sue no Free-man out of this City, whilst ye may have Right and Law within the same. Ye shall take no Apprentice, but if he be free-born, (that is to say) no Bond-man's Son, nor the Son of an Alien, and for no less term than for four years, without fraud or deceit; and within the first year ye shall cause him to be enrolled, or else pay such Fine as shall be reasonably imposed upon you for omitting the same; and after his term ends, within convenient time, being required, ye shall make him free of this City, if he have well and truly served you. Ye shall also Keep the Queens Peace in your own Person. Ye shall Know of no Gatherings, Conventicles or Conspiracies made against the Queens Peace, but you shall warn the Mayor thereof, or let it to your Power, All these Points and Articles ye shall well and truly Keep, according to the Laws and Customs of this City. *So help you God.*

Printed Laws and Ordinances published 28th of March, 1707.

No. 30.

At a Common Council held May 20th. 1708.

Ordered that —— Robinson, Widdow, have Liberty to follow any Lawfull Trade or Imployment within this Corporation for the support during her good be-

haviour in such manner as the Widdows of Freemen of this City do hold and enjoy, any former Law of this Corporation to the Contrary notwithstanding.

City Records.

No. 31.

At a Common Council held February 1st. 1703–9.

Ordered that this Corporation present his Excellency my Lord Lovelace with the Freedom of this City & that the Seal be Inclosed in a Box of Gold & that Mr. Mayor procure the same at the Charge of this Corporation.

Ordered that this Corporation Complement Roger Mompession, Esqr, Chief Justice of this Province, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Cockerill and Coll. Redknap with the Freedom of this City, & also Mr. Thomas Wood.

At a Common Council held March 1st. 1708–9.

This day this Court waited upon his Excellency my Lord Lovelace who was pleased to become a Member of this Corporation by Accepting of the Freedom thereof (which this Court presented to his Lordship, the Seal being inclosed in a gold box) after which Mr. Recorder [May Bickley] made A handsom Speech to his Excellency Suitable to the Occasion Assuring him of the Loyalty and Affection of this Corporation &c.: which his Lordship Received with great Satisfaction.

April 1st. 1709. A warrant was issued to pay the City Clerk, William Sharpas, the "money by him disburst for Parchment, Silk Laces and Engrossing of Several Freedoms presented by this Corporation to his Excellency My Lord Lovelace & Others."

City Records.

No. 32.

At a Common Council held March 12th. 1708–9.

Ordered that Capt. William Bond be made a Freeman of this Corporation who was this day in this Court Sworn accordingly.

City Records.

No. 33.

At a Common Council held March 30th. 1710.

Ordered that the Mayor issue his Warrant to the Treasurer to pay to William Sharpas [City Clerk] or Order the sum of two pounds Eight Shillings Current Money of New York, it being for three Blank paper books one for Recording the Tax Roles and the other two for Registring Freemen, by him bought of William Bradford for the use of this City in February last.

City Records.

No. 34.

At a Common Council held May 13th. 1710.

Ordered That the Treasurer Keep a Particular Account of the Several Branches of the City Revenue Arising by the Ferry Dock, Fines, Lycenses, Freedoms, Taxes &c. Entering in the City Journal the Persons Names taking their Freedoms, Lycenses &c. with the sums Received of them.

City Records.

No. 35.

At a Common Council held June 16th. 1710.

Resolved that this Corporation Compliment his Excellency Coll. Hunter with the Freedom of this Cor-

poration, that the Seal be enclosed in A Gold Box of the like value as has usually been given to Other Governours and that the Mayor take Care that the same be provided Accordingly

Sept. 12th. 1710. A Warrant was issued to William Sharpas, City Clerk "for Money by him paid for Engrossing an Address and Freedom for his Excellency Coll. Hunter."

City Records.

No. 36.

At a Common Council held July 25th. 1710.

Ordered that Mr. John Keill and Mr. Archibald Kennedy, Gent. be Complimented with the Freedom of this Corporation.

Oct. 17th. 1710. A warrant was issued to William Sharpas, City Clerk, "for Cash paid for Engrossing & Parchment two Freedoms for Dr. Keill and Mr. Kennedy."

City Records.

No. 37.

At a Common Council held October 30th. 1711.

A Law for Regulating Indentures of Apprentices.

Forasmuch as great Inconvencies have arisen by Apprentices Serving but Four Years, by reason whereof they are seldom Masters of their Trades; For Remedy whereof, *Be it Ordained by the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen and Assistants of the City of* New York, *conven'd in Common Council* and *it is hereby Ordained by the Authority of the same,* That from henceforth no Merchant, Shop-Keeper or Handy-craft Trades man shall take any Apprentice, to teach or instruct them in their Trade or Calling, without being bound by Indenture before the Mayor, Recorder, or any one of the

Aldermen of the said City, and Registered in the Town Clerks Office, and not for a less term than Seven Years, and at the expiration of the said Indentures, the said Apprentice shall be made free of the said City by the Master, if he have well and truly served him ; and the Clerk shall have for registering each Indenture of Apprenticeship, the Sum of Three Shillings, to be paid by the Master of such Apprentice bound as aforesaid. And that all Indentures of Apprenticeship hereafter to be made within this City contrary to the true intent and meaning hereof, shall be void and of none effect, any former Law of this Corporation to the Contrary hereof in any wise notwithstanding.

Also Ordered the Oath of A Freeman be Altered Accordingly.

City Records.

No. 38.

At a Common Council held March 24th. 1713–14.

Ordered that for the future the Treasurer of this Corporation do deliver out all the Freedoms & Lycenses Granted by this Corporation and by the Mayor, and that he be Accountable to this City for its dues and to the Officers for their fees any former usage or Custom of this Corporation to the Contrary Notwithstanding.

City Records.

No. 39.

At a Common Council held Jan. 15th. 1714–15.

Capt. Charles Pinkethman having done many Considerable services for this City in the late Warr as Commander of a Pirate ship of Warr called the Hunter Gally, it is therefore hereby Ordered that this Court do Compliment the said Charles Pinkethman with the Freedom of this Corporation.

Ordered that Capt. Henry Holland and Lieut. Garland have the Freedom of this Corporation Gratis.

City Records.

No. 40.

Certificate of a Freeman (printed form) from the original in possession of the New York Historical Society.

City of New York, ss.

I JOHN JOHNSTON, ESQ., Mayor of the City of *New York*, do hereby Certifie and make Known to all to whom those Presents shall come, or may in any wise concern, That on the Day of the Date hereof, in the Court of Record held at the City Hall of the said City, before the Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen of the same City, Personally appeared Garrett Roos of the said City, Baker, and then and there, in Open Court, did take the Oaths, by Law appointed to be taken, instead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, Subscribe the Test, and Make, Repeat and Swear to and Subscribe the Abjuration Oath; And that his Name is accordingly Entered on Record in the said Court. *In Testimony* whereof I the said Mayor have hereunto put my Hand and Seal in *New-York*, the 19th. Day of July in the first Year of the Reign of our Soveraign Lord, King *George*, of *Great Britain*, *France* and *Ireland*, Defender of the Faith, &c. *Annoq; Domini* 1715

John Johnston.

Will. Sharpas Clk.

No. 41.

At a Common Council held Oct. 7th. 1715.

Ordered that no Freeman or Inhabitant of this Cor-

poration be obliged to serve twice in the Office of Constable of this City in less than fifteen Years time.

City Records.

No. 42.

At a Common Council held December 1st. 1719.

The following Laws Orders and Ordinances of this Corporation are hereby Made, Ordained, Renewed Established and Published (after the Ringing of three Bells) and ordered to be Continue and Remaine in full force and Vertue for three Months from and after the date hereof, and Ordered the same with the Charter of this Corporation be forth with Printed &c.

A list of 39 Ordinances given.

No. 20 Freemen and Apprentices

" 21 A Law for Regulating Indentures of Apprenticeship

" 39 The Oath of A Freeman of the City of New York.

City Records.

No. 43.

Free-Men and Apprentices.

Be *it Ordain'd by the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen and Assistants of the City of* New York *convened in Common Council, and it is hereby ordained by the Authority of the same,* That no Person or Persons whatsoever within this City and Liberties thereof do Keep Shop or sell any Goods or Wares by Retail, or exercise any Handy-craft Trade or Occupation, but such as are Free-men thereof, or so admitted by the Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen, or by the Mayor or any three or more of the Aldermen (after legal warning given) under the penalty of Five Pounds for each offence. And all Persons hereafter to be made free shall pay as

followeth, Every Merchant, Trader or Shop-Keeper the Sum of Twenty Shillings, and every Handy-craft Tradesman six Shillings current Money of *New-York*, with customary Fees on being made Free, as aforesaid, for the Use of this City. And that such as are not able to pay for the same, shall be made Free *gratis*.

Who to be deemed Free-men.

And be it further Ordained by the Authority aforesaid. That all the inhabitants of this City, that are natural born, naturalized or Denizons, their Apprentices and Children that were in the said City at the time the Charter was granted, be allowed and deemed Free-men of this City, they Registering their Names in the Town Clerks Office, for which each Person so registered shall pay *Nine Pence*.

[a] *Laws, Orders, and Ordinances, page* 13, *Printed Edition of* 1719.

No. 44.

The Oath of a Free-man of the City of New York

Ye Shall Swear, That ye shall be good and true to Our Sovereign Lord King *George*, and to the Heirs of our said Sovereign Lord the King. Obeysont and Obedient shall ye be to the Mayor and Ministers of this City, the Franchises and Customs thereof. Ye shall maintain and this City Keep harmless, in that which in you is. Ye shall be contributing to all manner of Charges within the City, as Summons Watches, Contributions, Taxes, Tallages, Lot and Scot, and all other Charges bearing your part as a Free-man ought to do. Ye Shall Know no Forreigner to buy or sell any Merchandize with any other Forreigners within

this City or Franchize thereof, but ye shall warn the Mayor thereof, or some Minister of the Mayors. Ye shall implead or sue no Free-man out of this City, whilst ye may have the Right and Law within the same. Ye shall take no Apprentice, but if he be free-born, (that is to say) no Bond-mans Son, nor the Son of an Alien, and for no less term than for Seven Years, without fraud or deceit; and within the first Year ye shall cause him to be enrolled, or else pay such Fine as shall be reasonably imposed upon you for omitting the same; and after his term ends, within Convenient time, being required, ye shall make him free of this City, if he have well and truly served you. Ye shall also keep the King's Peace in your own Person. Ye shall Know of no Gatherings, Conventicles or Conspiracies made against the King's Peace, but you shall warn the Mayor thereof, or let it to your Power. All these Points and Articles ye shall well and truly Keep, according to the Laws and Customs of this City. *So help you* GOD.

Laws, Orders, and Ordinances of the City of New York, page 24, *Printed Edition of* 1719.

No. 45.

At a Common Council held September 26th. 1720.

Ordered this Corporation Compliment his Excellency William Burnet, Esqr, our Governour with the Freedom of this City with the seal thereof in a Box of Gold & that Alderman Cruger and Alderman Kip do take Care forthwith to prepare the said Box.

The following Address was three times Read & Approved & Signed by this Court & Resolved that this Court do Immediately wait upon his Excellency the Governour & present the same (viz.)

To His Excellency WILLIAM BURNET, Esqr, Captain Generall and Gouvernour in Chiefe of the Provinces of New York & New Jersey and the Territories Depending on them in America and Vice Admirall of the same &c.

The Humble Address of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of this his Majesties most Antient City & Corporation of New York in the Province of New York in America.

May it Please Your Excellency.

Wee do with hearts full of Sincerity and affection Congratulate your Excellency's arrivall in this your Government of New York, And Wee do assure your Excellency that Wee take it to be a manifest Demonstration of his Majesties most tender Affection and Care of his Subjects in these Parts to have appointed a Person of your great Character, Prudence and Other Eminent Vertues to Govern us, And that Wee will not only Support and Maintain with our lives and Fortunes his Majesties Royall Person and Government and the Sucession as now by law Established to the utmost of our power but as a Testimony of our Duty Study & Pursue the best methods Wee Can Conceive Cheerfully to Support Your Excellency's Dignity in the Administration of Your Government so as to make the same to You Easy pleasant and happy in all respects.

Wee Doubt not but that as it is now both in Your power & will to do us good You will Exert Yourself in a Conspicuous Manner to make us a happy people and that this City will flourish in its wealth, Buildings & number of Inhabitants under Your Administration. And Therefore Humbly begg Your Excellency will be favourably pleased to do us the Honour to become a Member of our Corporation and participate of our Happiness.

That his Majesties most Auspicious Reign may be attended with all Blessing, and the Succession Con-

tinued to his Royall issue throughout all Ages. And Your Excellency be Ever happy in Your Government over us are the fervent Prayers of

May it Please Your Excellency
Your Excellency's most Dutiful
and most Obedient Servants
Jacobus Van Cortlandt
David Jamison.

Oliver Teller,
John Roosevelt,
Philip Minthorne,
Philip Schuyler,
New York
September ye 26th, 1720.

Edward Blagge,
Jacobus Kip,
John Cruger,
Hermanus Vangelder,
Phillip Cortlandt,
Frederick Phillipse.

At a Common Council held October 11th. 1720.

Ordered the Mayor issure his Warrant to the Treasuer to pay Mr. Charles Le Roux, Goldsmith or Order the Sum of Nineteen pounds three Shillings Current Money of New York in full for a Gold Box for inclosing the Seal of his Excellency's Freedom of this Corporation

Also a Warrant to William Sharpas, City Clerk, for "Money by him disburst for Engrossing his Excellency's Freedom, Parchment and a Silk lace" Engrossing £1. Parchment 4s. Silk Lace 1s 3d.

City Records.

No. 46.

At a Common Council held July 25th. 1723.

This Court having taken into their Consideration the Great service lately done to this Province in particular as well as to all other his Majesties good subjects in Generall by Capt. Peter Solgard, Commander of his Majesties Ship Greyhound, the Station Ship of this Province, who lately on a Cruise upon this Coast

in the due Execution & discharge of his Duty upon Intelligence given him sought & Pursued and Engaged two Pyrate sloops Commanded by One Low (a Notorious & Inhumane Pyrate) one of which Sloops he took after a Resolute Resistance & Very Much Shattered the other who by the favour of the Night Escaped, twenty six of which Pyrates so taken being lately Executed at Rhode Island, not only Eased this City and Province of a very great trouble but of a very Considerable Expence &c.

It is therefore Resolved *Nemine Contra dicente*, that this Corporation do present the said Capt. Solgard with the Freedom of this Corporation as a Mark of the great Esteem they have for his Person as well as for the aforesaid Great and good services, and that the seal of the said Freedom be Inclosed in a Gold Box; that Mr. Recorder [David Jamison] and Mr. Bickley do draw the Draft of the said Freedom signifying therein the Gratefull sense of this Corporation for so signal a service to the Publick Benefit & advantage of Mankind. That Alderman Kip, and Alderman Cruger do prepare the said Box, that the Arms of this Corporation be Engraved on one side thereof and a Representation of the Engagement on the Other, with this Motto (Vizt) *Quæsitos Humani Generis Hostes Debellare Superbum* 10 *Junii* 1723. That the Town Clerk Cause the same Freedom to be handsomely Ingrossed on Parchment & that the whole Corporation do wait upon him to Present the same.

At a Common Council held August 6th. 1723.

This day the Corporation Waited upon Capt. Peter Solgard, Commander of his Majesties Ship Greyhound, and Presented unto him the Freedom of this Corporation in the Words following, and also a Gold Snuff Box with the Arms of this Corporation handsomely Engraved on one side thereof, and on the Other his Majesties Ship Greyhound Engaging two Pyrate sloops

and a motto Over them (Vizt. *Quæsitos Humani Generis Hostes Debellare Superbum*) which Capt. Solgard accepted with Great satisfaction and Invited this Corporation to a Collation to Morrow Night.

City of New York, } ss.

Robert Walter, Esqr. Mayor and the Aldermen of the City of New York.

To All to whom these Presents shall Come send Greeting.

Whereas. Capt. Peter Solgard, Commander of his Majesties Ship the Greyhound (the Present station ship of this Province) in his Cruise having Intelligence of two Pyrate sloops of Considerable force in Consortship under the Command of one Low, a Notorious Pyrate, that had (for upwards of two years past Committed many Depredations Murders and Barbarities upon Many of his Majesties Subjects and Allyes) lately Come upon this Coast, hath with great Diligence and Outmost Application, Pursued Over taken and after a stubborn Resistance Vanquisht and Overcome both of them, taking one and driving the Other from our Coast.

Which action as it is Glorious in it self, so it is Glorious (to witt) the safety and Freedom of our own Trade and Commerce and of all the Neighbouring Provinces on this Continent. Such Signal services done against the Enemies of Mankind Merritts the applause of all good Men but more Immediately from those of this Province who are appointed his Particular Care and Charge.

We therefore the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York assembled in Common Council to Express our Gratefull sense and acknowledgement to the said Capt. Peter Solgard for so Noble and faithfull discharge of his Duty and as a particular Mark of the Great Esteem and Just Regard we bear to his Person do Unanimously present him and

beg his kind acceptance of the Freedom of the Corporation of this City of New York and that he will please to become à fellow Citizen with us.

These are therefore to Certifie and delare that the said Capt. Peter Solgard is hereby Admitted Received and allowed a Freeman and Citizen of the said City of New York To Have Hold Enjoy and Partake of all & singular the Advantages Benefitts, Liberties, Priviledges, Franchises, Freedoms and Immunities whatsoever Granted or belonging to the said City.

In Testimony whereof the said Mayor hath hereunto subscribed his Name and Caused the seal of the said City to be affixed the twenty-fifth day of July in the Ninth Year of the Reign of our sovereign Lord George by the Grace of God King of Great Brittain France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith &c. *Annoq Domini* 1723.

Ordered the Mayor issue his Warrant to the Treasuer to pay unto Mr. Charles Le Roux, Goldsmith, or Order, the sum of twenty-three pounds, Nineteen shillings, Current Money of New York, for a Gold Box and Engraving the same (by this Corporation presented unto Capt. Peter Solgard)

City Records.

No. 47.

At a Common Council held July 27th. 1725.

Ordered that all the Laws and Ordinances be renewed established and published, to continue in force for three months "A Law Entituled A Law for Regulating Indentures of Apprenticeship only Excepted."

City-Records.

No. 48.

At a Common Council held October 27th. 1725.

Ordered the Words in the Freeman's Oath (Vizt.)

(Ye shall also keep the Kings Peace in your own Person) be struck out of the said Oath and that the same words for the future be Omitted in the same Oath any former Law, Order or Ordinance of this Corporation to the Contrary hereof in any wise notwithstanding.

City Records.

No. 49.

At a Common Council held September 1st. 1726.

Ordered the Oath of a Freeman of this Corporation for the future be in the words following (Vizt.) and that the Town Clerk have for his fee for Registring each Freeman sworn or made One Shilling and six pence (Vizt)

THE OATH OF A FREEMAN OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

YE SHALL SWEAR that ye shall be good and true to our Sovereign Lord King George and to the Heirs of our said Sovereign Lord the King. Obeysant and Obedient shall ye be to the Mayor and Ministers of this City. The Franchises and Customs thereof Ye shall Maintain and this City Keep harmless, in that which in you is. Ye shall be Contributing to all Manner of Charges bearing your Part as a Freeman Ought to do. Ye shall take no Apprentice for a less Term than for Seven years without fraud or deceit, and within the first year ye shall Cause him to be Enrolled or Else pay such fine as shall be reasonably Imposed upon you for Omitting the same, and after his Term Ends within Convenient Time being Required Ye shall make him free of this City if he hath well and truely served you. Ye shall know of no gatherings Conventicles or Conspiracies made against the Kings Peace but You shall warn the Mayor thereof or lett it to your power. All these Points and Articles ye shall well and truely keep According to the Laws and Customs of this City. So help you God

City Records.

No. 50.

At a Common Council held April 16th. 1728.

Resolved that this Corporation do Compliment his Excellency John Montgomerie, Esqr Capt. General and Governour in Chief of this Province &c, with the Freedom of this Corporation, that the Seal be Enclosed in a Box of Gold, and that Alderman [Philip] Cortlandt and Mr. [John] Roosevelt be a Committee to get the same made with all Convenient Expedition.

May 3d. 1728. Warrant issued to pay Mr. Charles Le Roux, Goldsmith, the sum of twenty pounds six shillings and six pence current money of New York, for a Gold Box for his Excellency's Freedom of this Corporation.

City Records.

No. 51.

At a Common Council held July 30th. 1728.

Whereas. At a Common Council held the 24th. day of March 1726–7 it was Ordered that in Case any Prosecution be Commenced against this Corporation or the Justices of this City and County (who are the Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen of this Corporation) for the Incommodiousness and Insufficiency of the Goals, that Mr. Recorder, Mr. Joseph Murray and Mr. John Chambers, Attorneys at Law be retained as Counsell for this Corporation to defend the same and that Mr. Mayor issue Warrants to the Treasurer to pay to each of them Five pounds as a Retaining fee, which Warrants were issued and delivered to them accordingly.

And Whereas. The said Mr. Joseph Murray and Mr. John Chambers have this day Voluntary delivered up to this Court the said Warrants unpaid to be Cancelled expressing their zeal and affection for the Good and Welfare of this Corporation and that they shall al-

ways to the utmost of their power defend this Corporation against any Attempts to disturb or molest them in their lawfull Rights and Priviledges &c. It is therefore Ordered the said Warrants be Cancelled before this Court. And Ordered the Clerk return them the Thanks of this Court for their Services and good Inclinations to this Corporation.

It Appearing to this Court that Joseph Murray Gent. Attorney at Law within this City is a zealous Assertor of the Rights and Priviledges of this Corporation, it is therefore hereby Ordered that this Court do Compliment the said Joseph Murray with the Freedom of this Corporation and that Mr. Mayor execute the same under the Seal thereof.

It Appearing to this Court that John Chambers, Gent. Attorney at Law within this City (the place of his Nativity) is a zealous Assertor of the Rights and Priviledges of this Corporation. It is therefore hereby Ordered that this Court do Compliment the said John Chambers with the Freedom of this Corporation and that Mr. Mayor execute the same under the Seal thereof.

City Records.

No. 52.

At a Common Council held October 16th. 1728.

Whereas. Capt. Covil Mayne, Commander of his Majesties Ship Biddeford, at the request of his Excellency the Governour with great Chearfullness & Expedition sailed with the said Ship in pursuit of a Spanish Privateer that Infested these Coasts and landed a Considerable force on Gardiners Island and there Committed great Depredations & Cruelties on the Inhabitants thereof, on Notice of whose Comeing the said Privateer fled with great precipitation. It is therefore hereby Ordered that in Gratefull Return of the said good service, that this Corporation do present the said

Capt. Covil Mayne with the Freedom of this Corporation, with the Seal enclosed in a Silver Box and that Mr. Mayor execute the same in the words following (Vizt.)

City of New York, } ss.

Robert Lurting Esqr. Mayor and the Aldermen of the City of New York in America.

To all to whom these Presents shall Come send Greeting.

Whereas. Capt. Covil Mayne, Commander of his Majesties Ship Biddeford did lately at the Request of his Excellency the Hoñble. John Montgomerie Esqr. Governour and Capt. General of this Province, with the Greatest Chearfullness, Bravery and Expedition (Notwithstanding that the Man of Warr under his Command was at that time unrig'd in Order to refit) in a few hours make ready and proceed against A Spanish Privateer Ship which had landed A Considerable force and already made barbarous havock and depredation upon the Coasts of this Province (at a time when his Majesties Station Ship the Shoram was unhapily disabled by the loss of her Masts in her late dangerous Voyage from Great Brittan and rendered intirely incapable of putting to sea) and by the Terror of his Majesties Arms under the Conduct of so Gallant and Experienced A Commander (which too soon reached the Ears of the Enemy) drove them from these seas, by means whereof our Villages that had lately felt and were hourly Exposed to their Brutal Ravage were freed from their Just fears and Apprehensions, our Alarms Ceased, and our Trade was again successfully Opened. We therefore the Mayor Aldermen and Commonality of the City of New York Assembled in Common Council to Express our Gratefull sense and Acknowledgement to the said Capt. Covil Mayne for so Noble and faithfull A Discharge of his duty do Unanimously present him and beg his kind Acceptance of the Freedom of the Corporation of the

City of New York, and that he will please to become a fellow Citizen with us.

These are therefore to Certifie and declare that the said Capt. Covil Mayne is hereby Admitted, Received and allowed A Freeman and Citizen of the said City of New York. To Have, Hold, Enjoy and Partake of all and singular the Advantages, Benefitts, Liberties, Priviledges, Franchises, Freedoms and Immunities whatsoever granted or belonging to the same City.

In Testimony whereof the said Mayor hath hereunto Subscribed his Name and Caused the Seal of the said City to be Affixed the Sixteenth day of October in the Second Year of the Reign of our sovereign Lord George the Second by the Grace of God King of Great Brittain, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith &c: *Annoq Domini* 1728.

ROBT. LURTING.

Will. Sharpas, Clk.

October 24th. 1728. A Warrant issued to pay Mr. Charles Le Roux, Goldsmith, the sum of one pound two shillings and nine pence Current Money of New York, for a Silver Box for inclosing the Seal of the Freedom presented to Capt. Covil Mayne.

City Records.

No. 53.

At a Common Council held March 28th. 1730.

The Committee appointed the 23d. instant to Consider about Obtaining a New Charter and of what things will be Needful to Petition for have made their Report in the words following (Vizt.)

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First. That we Petition for a New Charter in the Royal Stile to Confirm and grant unto this City their present Grant and Charter and all of the Antient Rights and Priviledges of this Corporation.

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Tenth. That the Corporation have power to Administer Proper and lawfull Oaths to the Freemen and Officers thereof, and that they have Power to make such and so many Freemen as they shall think fitt, and to Restrain all Unfreemen from Exercising any Trade or Occupation within the same:

At a Common Council held August 3d. 1730.

The following Petition was read and approved by this Court and Ordered that Mr. Mayor, Alderman Philipse and Mr. Chambers do forthwith present the same to his Excellency the Governour.

To His Excellency John Montgomerie, Esqr. Captain Generall & Governour in Chief of the Provinces of New York, New Jersey and Territories depending thereon in America and Vice Admiral of the same &c: in Council.

The Humble Petition of the Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York.

Sheweth.

That the City of New York is an Antient City, and the Citizens thereof have Antiently held and Still do hold and use divers and sundry Rights Liberties Priviledges Franchies free Customs Preheminencies Advantages Jurisdictions Emoluments Immunities Lands Tenements Publick Buildings and Hereditaments as well by the Name of the Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York as Otherwise as well to the great Improvement of his Majesties Revenue and the sencible Increase of Navigation Trade and Commerce as to the Advancement of the said City in its Number of Buildings and Inhabitants whereby the said City is become a Considerable Seaport and Exceedingly Necessary and usefull to Great Brittain in Supplying his Majesties Government in the West Indies with Bread Flour and other Provisions

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That the Mayor Recorder or Deputy Mayor with any three or more of the Aldermen have power to Administer proper and lawfull Oaths to the Freemen and Officers of this Corporation, and that they have power in the Mayors Court to make such and so many Freemen as they shall think fitt, and to Restrain all Unfreemen from Exercising any Trade or Occupation within the same.

No. 54.

Extract from the Charter of the City of New York granted by Gov. Montgomerie Jan. 15th. 1730–1.

And we do hereby for us our Heirs and Successors Constitute appoint and Ordaine that no person whatsoever not being a ffree Citizen of the Said City as aforesaid Shall at any time hereafter use any Art trade Mystery or Occupation within the Said City Liberties and precincts thereof or Shall by himself themselves or others Sell or expose to Sale any manner of goods Wares Merchandizes or Commodities by Retaile in any house Shop place or Standing within the Said City or the Liberties or precincts thereof Save in the time of publick ffairs and that every Such person So using any Art trade Mystery Occupation or So retailing contrary to the Intent and meaning of these our present Letters and Shall persist therein (after warning to him or them thereof given or Left by the appointment of the Mayor of the Said City for the time being or his Deputy at the place or places where Such person or persons Shall So use any Art Mystery or Occupation or expose to Sale by Retaile as aforesaid any goods wares Merchandizes or Commodities as aforesaid) Shall forfeit the sum of ffive pounds New York money to and for the use of the Said Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York and their Successors for every time that he or She Shall So use any trade Mystery or Occupation or Expose to Sale by Retaile as

aforesaid any goods wares Merchandises or Commodities after such warning given or left as aforesaid All and every of which Same fforfeitures Shall and may be Levied by Distress and Sale of the goods and Chattles of such Delinquent and Delinquents by Warrant under the Seal of the Said City Signed by the Mayor thereof for the time being or his Deputy rendering the Surplusage to the Owners or Owner thereof if any be (the necessary charges of making and Selling Such Distress being first deducted) or by any other lawful method to be obtained and Shall be recovered and received by and to the only use of the Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York and their Successors forever without any Account thereof to be given to us our Heirs or Successors or to any of the Officers or Ministers of us our Heirs or Successors PROVIDED always and we do hereby for us our Heirs and Successors direct appoint and order that no person or persons Shall be made free as aforesaid but Such as are or Shall be natural born Subjects of us our Heirs or Successors or shall be Naturalized or made Denizens AND we do further for us our Heirs and Successors Ordain appoint direct will and grant that all and every person and persons now living who at any time heretofore have been Admitted ffree Citizens or into the ffreedom of the Said City of New York Shall be and remain ffree thereof and free Citizens and have and enjoy the Said ffreedom and all the rights and privildedges of ffreemen and free Citizens of the Said City of New York to all Intents and purposes whatsoever.

Manual of the Common Council, 1868, *page* 34.

No. 55.

At a Common Council held February 11th. 1730–31.

This day the Corporation received from the hands of Gov. Montgomerie the new Charter of the City,

which was published at the entrance to the City Hill with the usual formality of ringing three bells and making proclamation for silence, they then returned to the Common Council Chamber.

Robert Lurting, Esqr. Mayor, Francis Harison Esqr. Recorder, Frederick Philipse, Gerrardus Stuyvesant and John Roosevelt, Esqr. Mr. Samuel Kip, Mr. Isaac De Peyster and Mr. John Moore (all Members of this Court) were sworn Freemen of this Corporation and ordered to be Registred accordingly.

Ordered this Corporation do Compliment James De Lancey Esqr., Peter Warren, Esqr. Commander of his Majestys Ship Solebay, James Alexander, Esqr. William Jamison and William Smith Gent. Attorneys at Law and John Avory Gent. Each with the Freedom of this Corporation.

City Records.

No. 56.

At a Common Council held October 14th. 1731.

Ordered that Henry Beekman Esqr. High Sheriff of this City and County be complimented with the Freedom of this Corporation.

City Records.

No. 57.

At a Common Council held November 18th. 1731.

The following Laws, Orders and Ordinances having been read and considered in severall Common Councils and several Additions Alterations and Amendments made thereunto were this day Read again and approved and ordered to be Continue and Remain in full force and Vertue for the Term of one year from and after the Publication thereof and forthwith to be printed [forty laws entered in Common Council Minutes.]

A Law relating to making Freemen.

Be it Ordained by the Mayor: Recorder, Aldermen and Assistants of the City of New York convened in Common Council, and it is hereby Ordained by the Authority of the same, That no Person or Persons whomsoever, within this City and Liberties thereof, do keep Shop, or sell or expose to Sale any Goods or Wares by Retail, or exercise any Handy-craft Trade or Occupation, but such as are Free-men thereof, or so admitted by the Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen, or by the Mayor, or any four or more of the Aldermen in the Mayors Court or in Common Council (after legal Warning given to the contrary) under the Penalty of Five Pounds for each Offence. And all Persons hereafter to be made free of this Corporation shall pay for the Freedom thereof as followeth (to wit) Every Merchant, Trader or Shop-keeper, the sum of Three Pounds of current Money of this Colony, & every Handy-craft Tradesman the sum of Twenty Shillings of like current Money, for the Use of this Corporation, with the customary Fees, on being made free, as aforesaid.

A Law for Regulating Indentures of Apprenticeship.

Be it Ordained by the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen and Assistants of the City of New York convened in Common Council, and it is hereby Ordained by the Authority of the same, That from hence-forth no Merchant, Shop-keeper or Handy-craft Trades-man shall take any Apprentice to Teach or Instruct them in their Trade or Calling within this City, without being bound by Indenture before the Mayor, Recorder or one of the Aldermen of the said City, and enroling the same in the Town-Clerk's Office. And that at the expiration of the said Indentures the said Apprentice shall be made free of this City by the Master, if he hath well and truly served him. And the Clerk shall have for enroling each Indenture of Apprenticeship the sum

of Three Shillings, to be paid by the Master of such Apprentice, bound as aforesaid.

The Oath of a Freeman of the City of New York.

Ye do Swear, That ye shall be good and true to our Sovereign Lord King George the Second, and to the Heirs of Our said Sovereign Lord the King; Obeysant and Obedient shall ye be to the Mayor and Ministers of this City, the Franchises and Customs thereof. Ye shall maintain, and this City keep Harmless, in that which in you is. Ye shall be contributing to all manner of Charges within this City, as Summons Watches, Contributions, Taxes, Tallages, Lot and Scot, and all other Charges, bearing your part as a Freeman ought to do. Ye shall know of no Gatherings, Conventicles or Conspiracies made against the King's Peace, but you shall warn the Mayor thereof, or let it, to your power. All these Points and Articles ye shall well and truly Keep, according to the Laws and Customs of this City. So help you GOD.

Printed Laws and Ordinances of the City of New York, 1731.

No. 58.

At a Common Council held August 3d. 1732.

Resolved that this Corporation do Address his Excellency the Governour on his Safe and happy Arrival to this his Government, and that Mr. Recorder, Alderman Cruger, Alderman Philipse, Alderman Rutgers and Mr. Chambers or any three of them be a Committee to prepare the said Address. That this Corporation do also present his Excellency with the Freedom thereof and that the Seal be inclosed in a Gold Box. That the same Committee do Enquire of his Excellency if he will do this Corporation the Honour to dine with them & when and what time will suit his

Excellencys Conveniency. That the same Committee do give Necessary Orders for Making the said Gold Box and for preparing a Dinner Agreeable to the Occassion.

At a Common Council held August 8th. 1732.

The following Address to his Excellency William Cosby, Capt. General and Governour in Chief of this Province &c; was read and unanimously approved and signed by this Court; And Ordered this Court do wait upon his Excellency with the same to-morrow and also present his Excellency with the Freedom of this Corporation with the Seal thereof in a Gold Box, and that his Excellency be invited to do this Corporation the Honour to dine with them the same day.

To His Excellency WILLIAM COSBY, Esqr. Captain General & Governour in Chief of the Provinces of New York, New Jersey and Territories depending thereon in America and Vice Admiral of the same and Colonel in his Majestys Army.

The Humble Address of the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen and Commonalty of this his Majestys most Ancient City and Corporation of New York in the Colony of New York in America

May it please your Excellency,

The Corporation of this City of New York Attends you to Congratulate Your Excellency's, Your Lady's, and Your familys Safe and happy Arrival in Your Government where we hope Your Excellency's Administration will give you ease and Tranquility Equal to what it promises.

His Majesty has ever been so Exceedingly Gracious to this Province as in giving us a Governour to give us a Guardian of his People here and that most tender Care of his distant Subjects after our late much lamented loss he has Renewed to us in Your Excellency who

have been pleased to give us Your Protection before we were in a Capacity to be Gratefull for it.

Sir, It is an unspeakable Comfort to us that while you have successfully Opposed the attacks of our too Ambitious friends the Sugar Colonies, you are still in a more Exalted Circumstance placed at the head of a Frontier People who upon any sudden or unexpected Rupture may have Occasion to Sue to your Excellency, that you would again Exert that Valour, Conduct and Experience which has so Eminently signalized your Excellency as a Soldier.

Sir, As Trade is the Support of this Colony and this City the Center of that Trade, we hope your Excellency will Countenance and Protect us in the Enjoyment of all our Rights and Priviledges: And as we are Gratefully Sensible of your Excellency's past favour we will Unanimously Endeavour to deserve the Continuance of them.

We are May it please your Excellency
Sir, Your Excellency's
Most Obedient and
Most Humble Servants

John Chambers,
John Moore,
Petrus Rutgers,
Isaac De Peyster,
Gerrard Beekman,
Garret Roos,
Johannes Waldron,
Robert Lurting,
Francis Harison,
John Cruger,
Harmanus Vangelder,
Gerrardus Stuyvesant,
Anthony Rutgers,
John Roosevelt,
Johannes Hardenbroeck.

To which Address his Excellency was pleased to Return the following Answer (vizt.)

Gentlemen,

I thank for this Kind Address wherein you Express much Loyalty, there is Nothing I can do that will be so pleasing to his Majesty as Endeavouring all that is

in my Power towards the Enlarging your Trade and Protecting you in your just Rights and Priviledges, which I will do very Chearfully.

August 13th. 1732. A Warrant was issued to pay Mr. Charles Le Roux, Goldsmith, the sum of Twenty pounds eleven shillings and six pence current money of New York, for a Gold Box and Engraving the same for enclosing the Seal of his Excellencys Freedom of this Corporation.

City Records.

No. 59.

At a Common Council held October 20th. 1732.

This Corporation being Informed that the Right Honble Lord Augustus Fitz Roy son of his Grace the Duke of Grafton, Lord Chamberlain of his Majestys Household &c: is Arrived within this City to pay a visit to his Excellency the Governour his Lady and family. It is therefore hereby Resolved (*Nemine Contra dicente*) that this Corporation do wait upon his Lordship in a full body to Congratulate his Lordships Arrival within this City and present his Lordship with the Freedom thereof, and that the Seal thereof be Inclosed in a Gold Box with the Arms of this City Engraved thereon at the Charge of this Corporation.,

At a Common Council held October 23d. 1732.

The following Freedom was read and Approved by this Court & Signed by the Mayor and the Seal of this Corporation Affixed thereunto and the same Inclosed in a Gold Box & thereupon this Court waited upon his Lordship at his Majestys Garrison and presented the same to his Lordship where Mr. Recorder [Francis Harison] made a Very Elegant Speech on the Occasion.

City of New York, } ss.

Robert Lurting Esq. Mayor and the Aldermen of the City of New York. To all to whom these Presents shall Come Greeting.

Whereas, The Right Honourable Augustus Fitz Roy son to his Grace the most High Puissant and Noble Prince Charles Fitz Roy, Duke of Grafton in the Kingdom of Great Brittain, Lord Chamberlain of his Majestys Household, One of his Majestys most Honourable Privy Council and Knight of the most Noble Order of the Garter &c: hath been pleased to Honour this City with his Presence which we Esteem as A Mark and Testimony of his Lordships Regard and Respect for his Excellency our Governour the Honourable Colonel William Cosby, his Excellent Lady and family and as a Most signal favour done to this Corporation. And inasmuch as his Lordship is Pleased in a Most Condescending Manner to become a Freeman and Citizen of the same which we shall ever Value as our Peculiar Happiness and distinguishing Ornament in Gratefull Acknowledgement thereof These are to Certifie and declare that the said Right Honourable Lord Augustus Fitz Roy is hereby Admitted Received and Allowed a Freeman and Citizen of the said City of New York. To Have, Hold, Enjoy and Partake of all and singular the Advantages, Benefitts, Liberties, Priviledges, Franchises, Freedoms and Immunities whatsover Granted or belonging to the same City to him and his Heirs forever.

In Testimony whereof the said Mayor hath subscribed his Name and Caused the Seal of the said City to be Affixed the twenty third day of October, in the sixth Year of the Reign of our sovereign Lord George the second by the Grace of God King of Great Brittain, France and Ireland Defender of the Faith &c: *Annoq. Dom̃.* 1732.

Robt. Lurting, Mayor.

July 27th. 1733. A Warrant issued to pay Mr. Charles Le Roux, Goldsmith, for the sum of Fourteen pounds, eight shillings current money of New York, for a Gold Box containing the seal of the Freedom of the Right Hoñble the Lord Augustus Fitz Roy.

City Records.

No. 60.

At a Common Council held August 24th. 1733.

This Corporation being very desirous upon all Occasions to demonstrate the Great Deference they have and justly Entertain for his Excellency William Cosby Esqr. Capt. General and Governour in Chief of this Province and for his Excellencies Noble family do hereby Order that the Hoñble Major Alexander Cosby Esqr. Brother to his Excellency the Governour; and Lieutenant Governour of His Majesties Garrison of Annapolis Royal and Thomas Freeman Esqr. son in law to his said Excellency be Each of them presented with the Freedom of this Corporation and that the Seal of each Freedom be Inclosed in a Silver Box, Guilt, with the Arms of this City Engraved thereon, and that this Court do wait upon them & pray their Acceptance thereof and present the same Accordingly.

Ordered Mr. Mayor provide the said Boxes.

At a Common Council held August 27th. 1733.

This day the Court waited on the Hoñble Major Cosby and Thomas Freeman Esqr. at his Majestys Garrison, Fort George, within this City, and presented unto them the following Freedoms, which they were pleased very kindly to accept, and Assured this Corporation, that at all times, they will do them all the good Offices & services in their Power &c:

SEATTLE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
P. O. Box 549
Seattle, Wash. 98111

City of } ss.
New York. }

ROBERT LURTING, Esqr. Mayor and the Aldermen of the City of New York.

To all to whome these Presents shall Come Send Greeting. Whereas, the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen and Assistants of this Corporation in Common Council Convened think themselves in Duty bound to Embrace Every Occasion of Expressing their Affection and Esteem for the Person and Noble family of his Excellency their Present Governour. And being truly sensible of the Loyality, Courage, Conduct and Great Abilities of the Honourable Major Alexander Cosby Esqr. and Ambitious of Receiving so worthy A Member into this Corporation did Order, that the said Alexander Cosby Esqr. should be presented with the Freedom of this Corporation. These are therefore to Certifie and declare that the said Alexander Cosby, Esqr. is hereby Admitted Received and Allowed A Freeman and Citizen of the said City. To Have, Hold, Enjoy and Partake of all the Benefitts, Priviledges, Franchises, Freedoms and Immunities whatsover Granted or belonging to the same City. In Testimony whereof the said Mayor hath here unto Subscribed his Name and Caused the Seal of the said City to be Affixed the four and twentieth day of August in the Seventh Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Second by the Grace of God King of Great Brittain France and Ireland Defender of the Faith &c: *Annoq. Dom̃.* 1733.

ROBT. LURTING.

Per Order of Common Council
Will. Sharpas, Clk.

City of } ss.
New York. }

ROBERT LURTING, Esqr. Mayor and the Aldermen of this City of New York.

To all to whom these Presents shall Come Send

Greeting. Whereas the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen and Assistants of this Corporation in Common Council Convened from A due sense of the Enjoyment of that Peace, Quiet, Ease, Liberty & Prosperity which they possess under the Virtuous just and Equitable Administration of his Excellency the Honourable William Cosby, Esqr. their most beloved and Esteemed Governour, and desirious ever to Retain amongst them the most sure and Valuable Pledges of that Regard which his Excellency, his Right Hounourable Lady and Noble family have in many former and late Instances Expressed for them and Considering how great Advantage it will be to them to Enroll in their Number A Person of so great Merit, Distinction and ample fortune as is Thomas Freeman Esqr. lately intermarried with the Vertuous and Hoñble Lady Mrs. Grace Cosby Youngest Daughter to his said Excellency, did Order that the said Thomas Freeman Esqr. should be presented with the Freedom of this Corporation. These therefore are to Certifie and declare that the said Thomas Freeman, Esqr. is hereby Admitted, Received and Allowed A Freeman and Citizen of the said City. To Have, Hold, Enjoy and Partake of all the Benefitts, Liberties, Priviledges, Franchises, Freedoms and Immunities whatsoever Granted or belonging to the same City. In Testimony whereof the Mayor hath hereunto Subscribed his Name and Caused the Seal of the said City to be Affixed the four and twentieth day of August in the Seventh Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Second by the Grace of God King of Great Brittain, France and Ireland. Defender of the Faith &c: *Annoq. Doñ.* 1733.

ROBT. LURTING.

Per Order of Common Council

Will. Sharpas, Clk.

March 15th. 1733–4. A Warrant issued to Mr. Charles Le Roux, Goldsmith, to pay the sum of Seven pounds, One Shilling & Eleven pence half penny cur-

rent Money of New York for two silver Guilt Boxes for the Freedoms of the Hoñble Major Alexander Cosby and Thomas Freeman Esqr.

City Records.

No. 61.

At a Common Council held November 4th. 1734.

Ordered the Freedoms of this Corporation be Presented unto Capt. Matthew Norris and Capt. Robert Long, Commanders of his Majestys Ships Tartar & Seaford in the words following (Vizt.)

City of New York } ss.

Robert Lurting, Esqr. Mayor and the Aldermen of the City of New York.

To all to whom these Presents shall Come send reeting. We the Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York aforesaid Assembled in Common Council being willing to Demonstrate the great Value and Esteem we have for the Person of Matthew Norris Esqr. Commander of his Majestys Ship the Tartar (the Station Ship of this Colony) and son of the Honourable Sir John Norris, Admiral of his Majestys Royal Navy of Great Brittain; and who being lately a worthy Member of the Honourable House of Commons of Great Brittain, did in that House Strenuously Oppose and give his Vote against the Bill passed in favour of the Sugar Colonies; and being truly sensible of the Loyalty, Courage, Conduct and Abilities of the said Mathew Norris and of his sincere and hearty Affection towards this Colony and City, and to the Interest thereof, and also of his near Alliance to us by the Marriage with our Country Woman the worthy Daughter of the Honourable Lewis Morris Esqr. a Native of this City, and being desirous

of Receiving so worthy a Member into this Corporation and that he should be Presented with the Freedoms thereof. These are therefore to Certifie and declare that the said Matthew Norris Esqr. is hereby Admitted Received and Allowed A Freeman and Citizen of the said City. To Have Hold Enjoy and Partake of all the Benefitts, Liberties, Priviledges, Franchises Freedoms and Immunities whatsoever Granted or belonging to the same City. In Testimony whereof the said Mayor hath hereunto subscribed his Name and Caused the Seal of the said City to be Affixed the fourth day of November in the Eight Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Second by the Grace of God King of Great Brittain France and Ireland Defender of the Faith &c: and in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and thirty four.

ROBT. LURTING.

Per Order of Common Council
Will. Sharpas, Clk.

City of New York } ss.

ROBERT LURTING Esqr. Mayor and the Aldermen o the City of New York.

To all to whom these Presents shall Come send Greeting. We the Mayor Aldermen and Commonality of the City of New York aforesaid Assembled in Common Council being willing to Demonstrate the great Value and Esteem we Have for the Person of Robert Long Esqr. Commander of his Majestys Ship the Seaford (the Station Ship of this Colony) and being truly sensible of the Loyalty, Courage, Conduct and Abilities of the said Robert Long, and of his sincere and hearty Affection towards this Colony and City, and to the Interest thereof, and being desirous of Receiving so worthy a Member into this Corporation and that he should be Presented with the Freedom thereof. These are therefore to Certifie and declare that the said

Robert Long Esqr. is hereby Admitted Received and Allowed A Freeman and Citizen of the said City. To Have, Hold, Enjoy & Partake of all the Benefits, Liberties, Priviledges Franchises, Freedoms and Immunities whatsoever Granted or belonging to the same City. In Testimony whereof the said Mayor hath hereunto Subscribed his Name and Caused the Seal of the said City to be Affixed the fourth day of November in the Eight Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Second, by the Grace of God King of Great Brittain France and Ireland. Defender of the Faith &c ; and in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and thirty four.

ROBT. LURTING.

Per Order of the Common Council
Will. Sharpas, Clk.

City Records.

No. 62.

Gov. William Cosby appointed, Sept. 29th. 1735, Capt. William Cosby to be High Sheriff of the City and County of New York

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No. 63.

At a Common Council held September 16th. 1735.

Ordered that Andrew Hamilton Esqr. of Philadelphia, Barrister at Law, be presented with the Freedom of this Corporation. And that Alderman Bayard, Alderman Johnson and Alderman Fell be a Committee to bring in a Draught thereof.

At a Common Council held September 29th. 1735.

Stephen Bayard, Simon Johnson and Christopher Fell Esqrs. Aldermen to whom it was Referred to prepare

the Draught of the Freedom of this Corporation to be presented to Andrew Hamilton Esqr. make their Report thereon in the words following (to witt) that they have prepared the form of the Grant to the said Andrew Hamilton Esqr. of the Freedom of the City of New York in these words (to witt)

City of New York, } ss.

Paul Richard Esqr. Mayor, the Recorder, Aldermen and Assistants of the City of New York, Convened in Common Council.

To all to whom these Presents shall Come send Greeting. Whereas Honour is the Just Reward of Vertue and Publick Benefitts demand A Publick Acknowledgement. We therefore under a Gratefull sense of the Remarkable service done to the Inhabitants of this City and Colony by Andrew Hamilton Esqr. of Pensilvania, Barrister at Law, by his learned and generous defence of the Rights of Mankind and the Liberty of the Press in the Case of John Peter Zenger lately tryed on an Information Exhibited in the Supream Court of this Colony. Do by these presents bear to the said Andrew Hamilton Esqr. the Publick thanks of the Freemen of this Corporation for that signal service which he Chearfully undertook under great Indisposition of body and Generously performed Refusing any fee or Reward. And in Testimony of our Great Esteem for his Person and sense of his Merit do hereby present him with the Freedom of this Corporation. These are therefore to Certifie and declare that the said Andrew Hamilton Esqr. is hereby Admitted Received and Allowed A Freeman and Citizen of the said City. To Have Hold Enjoy and Partake of all the Benefits Liberties Priviledges Freedoms and Immunities whatsoever Granted or belonging to A Freeman and Citizen of the same City. In Testimony whereof the Common Council of the said City in Common Council Assembled have Caused the Seal of the

said City to be hereunto affixed this Twenty Ninth day of September *Annoq. Domini* One thousand seven hundred and thirty five

By Order of the Common Council

WILL. SHARPAS, Clerk

And we do further Report that sundry of the Members of this Corporation and Gentlemen of this City have voluntarily Contributed sufficient for a Gold Box of five Ounces and a half Inclosing the Seal of the said Freedom, upon the Lid of which we are of Opinion should be Engraved the Arms of the City of New York.

Witness our hands this twenty Ninth day of September 1735

Stephen Bayard,
S. Johnson,
Christopher Fell.

Which Report is Approved by this Court and Ordered that the Freedom and Box be forthwith made Pursuant to the said Report and that Mr. Sharpas the Common Clerk of this City do affix the Seal to the same Freedom and inclose it in the said Box

Mr. Alderman Bayard going to Philadelphia and Offering to be the Bearer of the said Freedom to Mr. Hamilton. Ordered that Mr. Sharpas deliver it to Alderman Bayard for that purpose and that Alderman Bayard do deliver it to Mr. Hamilton, with assurances of the Great Esteem that this Corporation have for his Person and Merits.

At a Common Council held October 15th. 1735.

Ordered that the Freedom Granted by this Corporation to Andrew Hamilton Esq. with the Report of the Committee for preparing A draught of the same and the Order of this Court thereon may be Printed.

City Records.

Round on the Lid of the Box, mentioned in the aforesaid Report and Order, there is engraved not only the Arms of the City of New York, but also this Motto in a Garter :

Demersæ Leges-Timefacta Libertas-Hæc Tandem Emergunt

On the inner side of the Lid of the Box, shewing itself at the same Time with the Certificate of the Freedom ; There is engraven in a flying Garter, these Words

Non Numimis,—Virtute Paratur.

As an Incentive to publick Virtue, on the Front of the Rim of the said Box, there is Engraven a Part of Tully's Wish ;

Ita Cuique Eveniat, Ut De Republica Meruit.

Which Freedom and Box was presented in the Manner that had been directed, and gratefully accepted by the said Andrew Hamilton.

The following Lines, give the true Sense of the three Latin Motto's.

The Laws suppress'd and Freedom gasping lay,
But shot at length a more refulgent Ray.

Unmoved by filthy Lucre's golden store,
Instant he flew, at Virtue's awful Lore.

Thus may each patriot gain the high Applause,
Earn'd by each Patriot in his Country's Cause.

Narrative of Zengers Trial printed by John Holt, New York 1770 : *page* 46.

The original certificate of Freedom, written in large German text upon vellum, as well as the gold box which accompanied it, is in the possession of Septimus H. Palairet, Esq., of " The Grange," near Bradford, England, who married a great-great-grand-daughter of Mr.

Hamilton. The gold snuff-box is of oval form, three inches in length by two in breadth, and is three-fourths of an inch deep. Upon the box are the arms of the city. The box is very heavy, and of very yellow pure gold.

Collections of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania Nov. 1851.

No. 64.

At a Common Council held October 14th. 1735.

The Officers of the Corporation elected Sept. 29th. were this day duly sworn in. From the Harlem Division Israel Shadwick and Peter Waldron were elected Constables.

"Israel Shadwick, Victualler, and Peter Waldron, Yeoman Sworn Freemen and Ordered to be Registred."

City Records.

No. 65.

At a Common Council held November 4th. 1735.

Be it Ordained by the Mayor, Recorder Aldermen and Assistants of the City of New York, convened in Common Council and it is hereby Ordained by the Authority of the same, That the Common Seal of this Corporation, commonly Called the City Seal (now in the Custody and Keeping of the Common Clerk of this Corporation), shall not be put, and affixed to any Writing or Instrument whatsoever, Except unto such Grants, Leases, *Freedoms* Warrants, Lycences, or other Instruments, as shall Concern this Corporation in Point of Interest, or Otherwise, and that by Order of the Common Council of the said City, in Common Council convened or unto *Freedoms*, by Order of the Mayors Court of the said City; any Usage heretofore to the Contrary Notwithstanding.

City Records

No. 66.

At a Common Council held October 6th. 1737.

It is the Opinion of the Majority of this Court that Peter Plowman and Garret Hollar Morss Feltmakers, are Freemen of this Corporation, as appears to this Court by the Oaths of the said Peter Plowman and Garret Hollar Morss and Other Circumstances and Ordered that they be Registered as Freemen.

City Records.

No. 67.

At a Common Council held January 17th. 1736–7.

Ordered this Court do present the Freedom of this City to Daniel Horsmanden Esqr. Barrister at Law, one of his Majestys Council for this Province and Recorder of this Corporation as a Mark of their great Esteem for him and for his good services done for this Corporation and that the Clerk of this Court Affix the Seal of this Corporation thereunto accordingly.

At a Common Council held October 14th. 1740.

Ordered That the Seal of this Corporation be Affixed to the Freedom of Daniel Horsmanden, Esqr. Recorder of this City, Pursuant to a former Order of this Court of the 17th: of Jan'ry 1736.

City Records.

No. 67½.

Certificate of a Freeman (written form) from the original in possession of Mrs. Elizabeth Ustick.

City of New York, } ss.
[L. S.]

Paul Richard Esqr. Mayor and the Aldermen of the City of New York. To all to whom these pres-

ents shall Come Send Greeting. WHEREAS. Thomas Eustick, Minor, hath made application to be made a Freeman and Citizen of the said City; These are therefore to Certifie and Declare that the said Thomas Eustick is hereby Admitted, Received and allowed a Freeman and Citizen of the same City. To have, hold, use, partake and Enjoy all the Benefits, Liberties, Priviledges, Franchises, Freedoms and Immunities whatsoever Granted or belonging to the same ity. IN TESTIMONY whereof the said Mayor hath hereunto Subscribed his Name and caused the Seal of the said City to be affixed the Thirtieth Day of May in the Eleventh Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Second, by the Grace of God, King of Great Britain, France and Ireland. Defender of the Faith &c. *Annoque Domini* One Thousand Seven hundred and Thirty Eight.

Paul Richard.

Will. Sharpas, Clk.

No. 68.

At a Common Council held September 28th. 1743.

This Board having ordered the Draft of an Address to his Excellency the Governour to be prepared, a Draft was Accordingly produced and Read in the Words following vizt.

> To his Excellency GEORGE CLINTON Esqr. Captain Generall and Governour in Chief of the Province of New York and the Territories thereon Depending in America and Vice Admirall of the same &c:

The Humble Address of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of this his Majesties Most Ancient City and Corporation of New York in the Colony of New York in America.

May it Please your Excellency.

We his Majesties most Dutifull and Loyall Subjects the Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of

New York Attend your Excellency to Congratulate you, on your, your Ladie's and your family's Safe and happy Arrival in this Your Government Where we hope your Excellency will Enjoy Ease Tranquility and high Satisfaction.

We Do with hearts full of Gratitude and Sincerity Acknowledge your Excellency's favourable Sentiments of the Loyalty of this his Majesties Colony, and your Good purposes and Intentions to Study and Promote the Interest and happiness thereof so elegantly and fully Expressed in your Excellency's Speech to the Late Assembly on Tuesday Last.

As this Corporation is a Considerable part of your Excellency's Government We Beg leave in the Name of this City to Assure your Excellency of our Loyallity, fidelity and Obedience to his most Excellent Majesty King George the Second our Most Gracious Sovereign. And that We Will Always Zealously, and Affectionately Use our Utmost Endeavours to Render your Excellency's Administration Happy and Prosperous over us.

Sir we humbly Recommend our Antient Rights and Priviledges to your Excellency's Patronage and Protection and beg your Excellency will be favourably pleased to do us the honour to become a Member of our Corporation, and participate of our Rights and Priviledges.

We are may it Please your Excellency
Your Excellency's most Obedient and
Most Humble Servants.

Which was Agreed to, and Ordered to be Engrossed.

The Draft of a Freedom to be presented to his Excellency was also read and Agreed to by this board in the Words following Vizt.

City of New York } ss.

John Cruger Esqr. Mayor and the Aldermen of the City of New York.

To all to whom these presents shall Come send

Greeting. Know ye That We the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York aforesaid Assembled in Common Council being Willing to Demonstrate the Great Value and Esteem we have for the Person of his Excellency GEORGE CLINTON Esqr. Captain Generall and Governour in Chief of this his Majesties Province of New York and Territories thereon Depending in America and Vice Admirall of the Same, &c: And being truly Sensible of the Great honour it will be to this Corporation to have so Worthy a person a Member thereof: Ordered that he be presented with the Freedom of this Corporation, with the Seal thereto Enclosed in a Gold Box.

These are therefore to Certifie and Declare that his said Excellency GEORGE CLINTON Esqr. is hereby Admitted, Received and Allowed, a Freeman and Citizen of the said City. To Have, Hold, Enjoy, and partake of all the Benefitts, Liberties, Priviledges, Franchises, Freedoms and Immunities whatsoever Granted or belonging to the same City.

In Testimony whereof the said Mayor, and Aldermen have caused the Seal of the said City to be hereunto Affixed the [twenty ninth] day of [September] In the Seventeenth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Second by the Grace of God of Great Brittain, France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c: And in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven hundred and forty three.

And Ordered the same be handsomely Engrossed on parchment. And the Seal of this Corporation Affixed thereto to be Enclosed in a Gold Box of about Twenty pounds Value, and that Mr. Charles Le Roux be desired to prepare such a Box accordingly.

At a Common Council held September 29th. 1743.

The Engrossed Address to his Excellency the Governour was Read, agreed to and signed by all the Members present. And Ordered that Aldermen Stuyvesant

and Alderman Johnson wait on his Excellency the Governour to know when he will be Attended by this Board with their Address. [Members present and signing John Cruger *Mayor*, *Aldermen* Gerrardus Stuyvesant, William Roome, Simon Johnson John Moore, Christopher Bancker, John Pintard, John Marshall. *Assistant Aldermen*. Henry Bogert, Samuel Lawrence, Isaac Stoutenburgh, George Brinckerhoff, Robert Benson.]

MEMORANDUM: On the Thirtieth day of September 1743, the Mayor, Aldermen and Assistants Waited on his Excellency Governour Clinton with their Address, to which his Excellency was pleased to Make the following Answer (Vizt.)

Gentlemen,

I Return you my hearty thanks for your Compliment in Making Me free of your City, the Loyallty you Express in your Address for his Majesty my Royall Master, as well as the Satisfaction you Enjoy at my Safe arivall with my family to my Government, Will Engage me Constantly to Study the Welfare of your City, and to Maintain the Priviledges thereof, And I hope my Administration will Make you happy and Prosperous.

G. Clinton.

30 Sept'br. 1743.

City Records.

No. 69.

At a Common Council held, at the house of Walter Brock, December 22d. 1763.

Whereas it hath Been represented To this Board that John Carpenter [Carpender] of the said City, Butcher, hath Openly and Contemptuously declared that he would Sell his Beef for Four pence half penny per pound in spite of all that the wise heads, that made the Law Could do, or words to that Effect. It is therefore

Ordered that upon Service of a Copy hereof on the

said John Carpenter, he appear before this Board at the house of Walter Brock, Innkeeper, near the City Hall To-morrow morning at Eleven o'Clock To hear the said Charge proved Against him and shew Cause why he should not be Disfranchised.

At a Common Council held December 23d. 1763.

John Carpenter of Kings County, Butcher, who Claims the Freedom of this City attends this Board pursuant to the order of Common Council yesterday, and William Bayard, Esqr. also Attended at the same time and proved on oath the Charge alledged in the said order of yesterday against the said John Carpenter, whereupon this Board for the said Contempt do order that the said John Carpenter be disfranchised and the said John Carpenter is disfranchised Accordingly; and do further order that the said disfranchisement be made out under the Seal of the said Corporation to be Signed by the Mayor and Countersigned by the Clerk of this Board and served on the said John Carpenter.

City Records.

No. 70.

At a Common Council held January 15th. 1747.

Ordered the Mayor issue his Warrant to the Treasurer to pay to Francis Davison or order the sum of Seven pounds Current Money of this Colony for his Good Services in the Extinguishing the fire at the City Hall on the 14th. Instant. And Ordered that the said Francis Davison (as a further Acknowledgement of his Good Services) be presented with the Freedom of this Corporation.

Ordered the Mayor issue his Warrant to pay Duncan Brown and John Evitts [Ebbets] the sum of Eight pounds (that is to say four pounds each) for their Good Services in the Extinguishing the fire at the City Hall

on the 14th. Instant. And Ordered that the said Duncan Brown and John Evetts (as a further Acknowledgement of their Good Service) be presented with the Freedom of this Corporation.

City Records.

On Wednesday last in the Fore-noon a fire broke out in the Roof of the City Hall, at some distance from the Chimney, but by the immediate Attendance of the Magistrates, and the Assistance of the Inhabitants (who have always been remarkable for their Readiness and Dexterity on such Occasions) it was soon extinguished.

Three Persons were observed to be extraordinarily active and useful; one was *Francis Davison*, a Carpenter, (being the same Person that was so Instrumental in extinguishing the Fire formerly in the Cupola of the new Dutch Church) who got out upon the Roof, with an Axe, and cut the Roof open where the Fire was, the Engines at the same time playing the Water upon him, and the Weather being intensely cold, by the time the Fire was out he was cloathed with Ice. The other two Persons *Duncan Brown* Mate, and *John Ebbets* Marriner, belonging to a Vessel in the Harbour. The next day the Corporation met, and sent for said *Francis Davison, Duncan Brown* and *John Ebbets*, when the Mayor returned them the Thanks of the Corporation for their good Services and ordered seven Pounds to be paid to the said *Francis Davison*, and four Pounds each to the said *Duncan Brown* and *John Ebbets*, by their Treasurer; and also ordered each of them to be presented with the Freedom of the Corporation, as an Encouragement to others to behave with the same Spirit and diligence on such Occasions. It is not certainly known how the Fire began, but as it first took under the Shingles in a Room where two Criminals were Confined, and at a considerable Distance from the Chimney, it is generally believed the Fire was put there by those Criminals.

The N. Y. Gazette, Revived in the Weekly Post-Boy Jan. 19th. 1746-7.

No. 71.

To His Excellency The Honourable George Clinton Governour in Chief etc.

The Humble Petition of Several of his Majesty's Loyal Subjects and Freemen of this flourishing City of New York under the Care and auspicious Government of Your Excellency

Most humbly Sheweth unto Your Excellency

That not only for and during these tumultuous and dangerous times, when his Majesty's Dominions at home and abroad are attempted and endangered by Subtil and unnatural ingratefull Enemys, We *his and Your* most constant and zealous Subjects are invaded and attacked by illegal and circumventing malpractices, against the peace and Interests and priviledges of this City and its Denizens, by Sundry and numerous persons, *not Freemen of this City*, but Inhabitants of the Neighbouring provinces, and more especially of the Jerseys, who in Several numerous Companys Several times heretofore have and still do make a practice of coming into this City *after the laying of our taxes yearly* there to exercise their Several handicraft trades such as *Carpenters, Bricklayers* &c. undermining Us the *ancient Freemen* of the aforesaid City, by offering the Services of themselves, Journeymen and Servants, at Sundry places, and as many Sundry times at the Rate of 20 or 30 Pounds per Job or distinct article of Workmanship *less than has been agreed for by us, and so proportionably to every Agreement* or Undertaking, we Shall or can make They the said Invaders to Our Libertys and propertys and indeed Our Livelihood Our All, sometime before the collecting such Taxes yearly as aforesaid carrying away Such Moneys so Surreptitiously got here, with them into the Jerseys to pay for their Lands, and Livings there and to Support their own Government, not so much as buying a pair of Shoes in the City of New York but frequently bringing *Nails and other Materials for Building* &c. along with them from

the Jerseys and other provinces. Now may it please Your Excellency *(who are well known and beloved for Your most remarkable and tender Regard, towards persons in Distress even Strangers to You)* That You would out of Your Paternal Care and Benevolence to Us Your Excellency's oppressed petitioners and people, exert Your Authority and goodly Offices towards *Such and Such* under You, in the said Government, and City, As in your most prudent Judgment, You shall think proper for the Remedy and prevention of this *not* growing but long practiced Evil and Grievance. That Your Excellency's aforesaid most humble Petitioners may be the better enabled to Love Our Said gracious Sovereign, and his most honorable Governor and his Country as we heretofore and hitherto chearfully have done. And also gain Relief for Our Selves and Familys which otherwise must inevitably Suffer or be compelled to leave this Our Country and these *Our Settlements*. But hope better things, and dont in the least distrust the Goodness and tender Regards of Your Excellency and for whose Welfare

Your Excellency's
Most humble Petitioners as in Duty bound
Shall forever pray

John Lake,
James Davied,
Johannes Roome,
James Garrard,
Peter Geraud,
John Exeen,
Aaron Bussing,
Thos. Brookman,
Wm. Carr,
And. Gautier,
Garret Cozine,
Thos. Grigg,
John Couenhoven,
John Van Sise,
Pieter Gauder,
Vinsenct Tillyou,
Piedre Blute,
Bartom. Wm. Carr,
Richd. Petit,
Thos. Petit,
John Montany,
Hugh Bradish,
John Johnson,
Alexr. Campbell,
Phill. Cockran,
John Appell,
John Carr,
James Warner,

Richd. Cook,
James Simms,
Abraham Wheeler,
John Delanoy,
Thos. Dod,
James Delanoy,
Henry Van Maple,
James Glenn,
Davis Hunt,
Joseph Williamson,
Duncan Dufie,
John Campbell,
Wm. Roome,
Peter Roome,
Jacob Brower,
Abraham Brower,
Daniel Giraud,
James Bowman,
Pierre Ozy,
Hendk. Bougart,
Gerrit Johnson,
John King,
Andw. Thompson,
Alex. Balfo,
James Hallet,
Nichs. Lazair,
Abraham Bussing,
Johannes Seez,
Ary King,
Wm. Hyer,
Anthony De Mild,
Wm. Lee,
Oliver Roosevelt,
Staats Degodt,
Wm. Boudt,
Philip Branson,
Francis Dudley,
Cornelis Vanderberg,
John King,
Abm. Montany,
Jolmack Caye,
Peter Mergesen,
Mathew Hughes,
Cornelis Vanwey,
Robt. Carr,
Wm. Spoor,
Phill. Aker,
David Wilson,
David Slaupenitt,
Jacob Hallet,
Henry Van Maple,
Jos. Dean,
Isaac Bogart,
Waert Banta,
Peter Bout,
John Lee,
John McDougell,
Abraham McDugell,
Samuel Job,
Alex. Campbell,
James Glenn,
Jacob Lozair,
John Cochran,
John Tellou,
Elijah McPerson,
Adam Phafer,
Robert Milliner,
Wm. Smith,
Charles Smith,
Robt. Milinour,
Gorman ——

The copyist of the above list of signers has noted on the margin that Henry Van Maple and James Glenn had

"signed twice," and after the names of Jolmack Caye, Waert Banta, Elijah McPerson the word "feigned"; Johannes Seez "no such man"; Duncan Dufie "higlander"; Abraham Brower and John Campbell "labourers"; and Jacob Hallet, "cordwainer."

Endorsed Copy Petition presented to The Govr. and read in Council 2d. April 1747. Referred to a Committee. Report upon it verbaly 10th. April 1747. Advised the Govr to give for Answer to the petitioners That they should pursue the ordinary and regular method prescribed by the Laws of the City.

May it please Your Excellency,

In pursuance of Your Excellency's Orders in Council of the 2d. day of April Instant we have proceeded to consider of the Petition of the persons Stileing themselves Freemen of the City of New York thereby referred to us. And the Council beg leave to report their Opinion thereon as followeth touching Bricklayers and Carpenters.

First, As to the Grievance complained of whenever any there be The City Charter has prescribed a Remedy which is when any Stranger comes into this City and exercises any Trade or Occupation upon application and complaint to the Mayor he is to order such person to appear at the next Mayor's Court and to take up his Freedom or in Default he is Subject to the penalty of 5£. and so if he continue to exercise such Occupation 5£. for every such Default after Notice.

Secondly, The Council observe there are about Ninety nine Names to this Petition. That the Bulk of the persons who may be supposed to have subscribed their Names are obscure people altogether unknown to us in person and name excepting very few of them. If they are Freemen and there be at this time any real cause for such complaint, they must be very ignorant and forgetful of the Obligations of the Oath of a Freeman of

this City which is "The Franchise and Customs thereof to maintain and the City to keep harmless in that which in there is" and therefore the Council are of Opinion it becomes the Duty of every Freeman when the priviledges of the Citizens are invaded (to use the words of the petition) and who is apprized thereof to warn the Mayor that the Remedy given by Charter may be applyed.

This we humbly conceive to be the regular and ordinary Answer.

Endorsed. April 1747, Report upon Petition of Bricklayers & Carpenters to the Governor.

Reported Memorial. The Council advise to the Govr. to give for Answer. Let the petition pursue the Ordinary & regular methods prescribed by the Laws of the City.

Horsmanden Papers, N. Y. Historical Society.

No. 72.

At a Common Council held June 28th. 1748.

The Deputy Clerk produced to this Board a Draft of the Freedom of this Corporation to be presented to Captain John Burgiss, which was read and is in the words following (to witt.)

City of New York } ss.

Edward Holland Esqr. Mayor, and the Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York. To All to whom these Presents shall Come send Greeting. Whereas Captain John Burgiss, Commander of the privateer snow or Vessel of War called the Royal Catharine, did on the fourth Day of this Instant month of June on his return in the said snow from a successful Cruize meet on this Coast (about Six Leagues from Sandy Hook) a French privateer Brigantine called Le Mars of

considerable force and having on board near three times the Number of his Men which Brigantine gave Chase to and engaged the said John Burgiss and in that Engagement attempted several times to Board and take him, which he the said John Burgiss by his prudence Conduct and Valour not only prevented but also did Vanquish Overcome take and bring the said French privateer into this Port and Harbour of New York, which action as it was brave and noble in itself so it is also in the Publick Benefitts and Advantages which flow from it to witt, the safety and freedom of our Own Trade and Commerce as also of the neighbouring Provinces and Merits the applause of all persons and particularly of the Inhabitants of this City.

We therefore the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York Convened in Common Council from the just sense we have as well of the Conduct and Bravery of the said Captain John Burgiss in this Particular as of the benefitts arising thereby to this City Do Unanimously present unto him the Freedom of the Corporation of this City of New York. These are therefore to Certifie and declare that the said Capt. John Burgiss is hereby Admitted, Received and Allowed a Freeman and Citizen of the said City of New York. To Have, Hold, Enjoy and Partake of all and Singular the Advantages, Benefitts, Liberties, Priviledges, Franchises, Freedom and Immunities Whatsoever Granted or belonging to the same City.

In Testimony Whereof the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty have Caused the Seal of the said City to be Affixed the 28th day of June in the Twenty second year of his Majesties Reign *Anno Dom* 1748.

City Records.

No. 73.

At a Common Council held August 11th. 1748.

Ordered that the Freedom of this Corporation be presented to his Excellency the Honourable William

Shirley Esqr. Commander in Chief of his Majesties Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England and that this Board be a Committee to Draw the Draft of said Freedom.

At a Common Council held August 12th. 1748.

Messrs. [Simon] Johnson and [Brandt] Schuyler, two of the Committee for preparing the Draft of the Freedom of this Corporation to his Excellency Governour Shirley did produce a Draft to this board which was read in the words following (to witt)

City of New York } ss.

Edward Holland Esqr. Mayor, and the Aldermen and Commonalty of the said City in Common Council Convened. To all to whom these Presents shall Come Greeting. Know Yee that we being willing to Demonstrate the great regard and Esteem we have for the person of his Excellency William Shirley Esqr. Captain General and Commander in Chief of the Colony of Massachusetts Bay in New England and Vice Admiral of the same and being truly sensible of his great Conduct, Courage, Loyalty and Abilities Signalized not only in the part he Lately acted in forming the plan for the reduction of Louisburgh to the Crown of Great Britain which has greatly Conduced to the securing the Trade of this City but also in a Late hazardous and painfull Journey by him made through a Country (frequented by Barbarians who have made frequent Incursions that way and behaved as most merciless and Cruel Enemies) to meet the Six Nations of Indians at Albany and in Conjunction with his Excellency the Honourable George Clinton Governour of this Colony to secure their friendship alliance and firm attachment to the Crown of Great Brittain and since Safely arrived in this City. And being Desirous of Receiving so Worthy a Member into

this Corporation and that he should be presented with the Freedom thereof, of which we pray his favourable Acceptance, these are therefore to Certify and Declare that his said Excellency William Shirley Esqr. is hereby admitted, received and allowed a Freeman of the said City of New York. To Have Hold use Enjoy and partake of all the Benefits, Liberties, Priviledges, Franchises, Freedoms and Immunities Granted or belonging to the same. In Testimony whereof the said Mayor hath hereunto subscribed his name and Caused the Seal of the said City to be affixed the Twelfth Day of August in the Twenty Second year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Second by the Grace of God of Great Brittain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c: and in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and forty Eight.

Ordered the same be Engrossed and that the Deputy Clerk affix the Seal of this Corporation thereto.

City Records.

No. 74.

At a Common Council held February 4th. 1749–50.

The following Laws Orders Ordinances of this Corporation to remain in full force for one year.

No. 10 A Law Relating to the making of Freemen (Excepting that part which is hereinafter ordered Repealed.)

Ordered that that part of the Law Entitled A Law Relating to making Freemen of this City wherein a fee of Six Shillings is allowed to the Recorder for the making a Freeman be Repealed and the same is hereby Repealed Accordingly.

City Records

No. 75.

At a Common Council held September 21st. 1750.

William Dobs Cooper admitted a Freeman of this Corporation and Appointed one of the Corn measurers of this City and took the Oath.

City Records.

No. 76.

At a Common Council held March 7th. 1751.

Ordered that Every Merchant not born in this City who shall hereafter apply for the Freedom thereof shall pay the Sum of Five Pounds Current Money of this Colony for the same.

City Records.

No. 77.

At a Common Council held March 22d. 1751.

Augustus Van Cortlandt of the City of New York Gent. was Sworn a Freeman of this Corporation and ordered to be Registred, and then the said Augustus Van Cortlandt did produce to this Board a Deputation from John Chambers Esqr. Common Clerk of this City reciting that he had heretofore appointed Mr. Abraham Lodge one of his Deputys for Executing the Office and place of Common Clerk of the City of New York, who being often Indisposed and not able to give Constant attendance upon the Duties thereof, he had therefore for the better and more Certain performance of the several Duties of the said Office also appointed the said Augustus Van Cortlandt an Inhabitant and Freeholder of and in the said City to be one of his Deputys together with him the said Abraham Lodge or in his absence to Doe and Execute all things appertaining to the office of Common Clerk of the said City which was allowed and

approved of by this Board and the said Augustus Van Cortlandt thereupon took the Oath for the Due Execution of the said Office.

City Records.

No. 78.

At a Common Council held January 17th. 1752.

Mr. Lambert Moore Sworn a Freeman of this Corporation and then the said Mr. Lambert Moore produced to this Board a Deputation from the Honourable John Chambers Esqr. appointing him one of his Deputy Clerks of the Peace and of the said City and County Which was read and allowed and thereupon the said Lambert Moore took the Oath for the Due Execution of his said Office.

City Records.

No. 179.

At a Common Council held June 10th. 1752.

Hugh Hughes, Currier, admitted a Freeman of this Corporation and appointed one of the Corn Measurers of this City and Ordered that when Mr. Mayor deliver him his Lycence he take the usual oath for the Due Execution of that Office.

City Records.

No. 80.

At a Common Council held October 9th. 1753.

Ordered that this Board or the Major part of them be Committee to prepare the Draft of an Address to his Excellency Sir Danvers Osborn, Baronet on his safe Arrival to his Government.

Resolved that this Corporation Do Present his Excellency Sir Danvers Osborn, Baronet with the Freedom

thereof and the Seal of this Corporation affixed thereto, to be Enclosed in a Gold Box of about Twenty Pounds value and that Mr. Nicholas Roosevelt prepare such a Box accordingly.

Ordered that Alderman Courtlandt, Alderman De Peyster, Alderman Benson, Alderman Provoost and Mr. Abraham De Peyster be a Committee to Invite the Council such of the members of the Assembly as shall be in Town, the Capt. of the man of war, with such Gentlemen as came over with him, the Treasurer of the Colony, the King's Attorney, Mr. Rutledge, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Pen and Mr. Oliver De Lancey to Dine with his Excellency Sir Danvers Osborn, Baronet. to morrow at the House of George Burns near the Long Bridge in this City, and that the said Committee do forthwith give Orders for preparing the said Dinner agreeable to the occasion, Also Ordered that the said Committee cause a Bonfire to be made in the Commons near the Work House and procure three Dozen of Wine to be sent to the said fire, that the City Hall the Alms House and the Ferry House be illuminated, that a half Barrel of Cannon Powder be provided by the said Committee to Discharge some Cannon that lay in the Commons near the Bonfire, and that the Expence of all which be Paid by this Corporation

At a Common Council held October 10th. 1753.

This Board having Ordered a Draft of an Address To his Excellency the Governour to be prepared, a Draft was accordingly produced and read in the words following.

To His Excellency Sir Danvers Osborn, Baronet, Captain General and Governour in Chief of the Province of New York and the Territories thereon Depending in America and Vice Admiral of the same.

May it Please your Excellency,

We the Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the City

of New York Beg Leave most heartily to Congratulate Your Excellency upon Your appointment to the Government of this Colony and Your Safe Arrival amongst us.

As the Course of your Education and Your abilities for Publick affairs abundantly qualify You for the high Station to which You are advanced and the Important Trust reposed in You by our head Sovereign ; so must Your affluent fortune Naturally Dispose You to Discharge Your Office with Integrity and Resolution.

While we Cannot on the one hand Expect the favourable Smiles of his Majesty (who has ever proved himself the father of his People) without the Chearful submission to his Prerogative, which is the Indispensible Duty of all his Loyal Subjects ; so are we on the other Hand, sufficiently assured, that Your Excellency will ever be Ready to Vindicate our Legal Rights and Priviledges, and be as averse from Countenancing as we from Brooking any Infringments of our Inestimable Liberties, Civil and Religious.

As Your Excellency's Arrival, must remove Every Pretence for those Animosities, which have, for some time Past, unfortunately subsisted Amongst us ; we flatter ourselves that they will be Buried in Oblivion, and Happily succeeded by a firm and uninterupted Peace and Tranquility, and that Every one in a Publick Station will shew himself influenced by a Publick Spirit; while we all agree it will scarcely be Possible to differ about the Means of Promoting the true Interest of the Community. This we hope and Believe is the sincere Design of the Good People of this City, and herein we are Confident of having the Honour of Your Excellency's hearty Concurrence.

To which His Excellency was Pleased to Return the following Answer.

Mr. Mayor ; and Gentlemen of the Corporation

I Return You my Hearty Thanks for Your kind Congratulations, and Benevolent Sentiments upon the Pres-

ent Ocasion I shall always make it my Utmost Endeavour to Deserve Your Esteem by always Concurring in such measures as May Promote in Every Branch the True Interest Peace and Tranquility of this City and Community.

No. 81.

At a Common Council held Sept. 4th. 1755.

Resolved that this Corporation Do present his Excellency Sir Charles Hardy, Knight, with the Freedom thereof and that the Seal of this Corporation be Affixed thereto to be enclosed in a Gold Box and that Mr. Nicholas Roosevelt prepare such a Box Accordingly.

At a Common Council held Sept. 8th. 1755.

The Board having ordered a Draft of a Freedom to his Excellency the Govenour to be prepared; a Draft was Accordingly produced and read in these words vizt.

City of New York } ss.

Edward Holland Esqr. Mayor, and the Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York. To All to whom these presents shall Come Send Greeting. Know Yee that We the Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York aforesaid, assembled in Common Council, being Willing to Demonstrate the Great Value and Esteem we have for the person of his Excellency Sir Charles Hardy Knight, Captain General and Governor in Chief of this his Majesties Province of New York and Territories thereon Depending in America and Vice Admiral of the same and being Truly Sensible of the Great honour it will be to this Corporation, to have so worthy a person a member thereof Ordered that he be presented with the Freedom of this Corporation with the Seal thereto Enclosed in a

Gold Box with the City Arms Engraved on the Lid thereof. These are therefore to Certifie and Declare that his said Excellency Sir Charles Hardy Knight is hereby Admitted, Received and Allowed a Freeman and Citizen of the said City. To Have Hold, Enjoy and Partake of all the Benefits, Liberties, Priviledges, Franchises, Freedoms and Immunities Whatsoever Granted or belonging to the same City. In Testimony whereof the said Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty have Caused the Seal of the said City to be hereunto affixed the Tenth Day of September in the Twenty Ninth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Second by the Grace of God of Great Britain, France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith, and so forth, and in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and fifty five.

Which was agreed to and ordered to be Engrossed. The draft of an Address to be preferred to his Excellency, was also read and Agreed to by this board in the words following

To His Excellency Sir Charles Hardy, Knight, Captain General and Governor in Chief, in and over the Province of New York, and the Territories depending thereon in America and Vice Admiral of the same.

The Humble Address of the Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of his Majesties ancient Corporation of the City and County of New York in Common Council Convened.

May it please your Excellency,

We the Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the City and County of New York Beg Leave most heartily to Congratulate your Excellency on your Safe Arrival to this Government, over which his most Sacred Majesty has been Graciously pleased to place you.

We think it our Duty to express our most hearty

Thanks for his paternal Care of us in appointing a person of whom we have had the most favourable Impressions, and from whose Character in Life we have the Greatest Reason to Expect a Continuance of that wise and happy Administration we have been blessed with Some time past.

You may be Assured, that whatever is in our power will be Chearfully Contributed to make your Stay in this Government, Easy, Honourable, and Satisfactory to you, and of Course happy to our Selves.

We humbly Recommend to your Excellency's Favour and Protection, the Priviledges and Rights of this City; and in a particular Manner Invite you to Partake of its Liberties and Immunities, by Accepting of the Highest Complement we Can make, to wit, the Freedom of the Corporation.

We beg Leave, with the Greatest Deference and Respect to Subscribe

May it please your Excellency,
Your Excellency's Most
Humble, and most
Obedient Servants.

Whereupon its Ordered that the same be forthwith fairly Engrossed to be Laid before this board on Wednesday next.

At a Common Council held Sept. 10th. 1755.

The Engrossed address to his Excellency the Governour was read, agreed to, and Signed by the Majority of the Members present, and then the whole board waited on his Excellency Sir Charles Hardy, Knight, with said Address also with the Freedom of this Corporation and Seal thereto annexed Enclosed in a Gold Box and presented the same to him upon which his Excellency made the following Answer (vizt.)

Mr. Mayor and Gentlemen of the Corporation.

I sincerely Thank you for your kind Reception and

Hearty Congratulations on my Arrival. The Duty and Loyalty you Express to his Majesty Cannot but be very agreeable to me and I hope I shall always merit the Continuation of those favourable Impressions you have Received of me by an Administration Productive of the True Interest of the Country.

I hope also I shall always Do Honour to that Compliment you are pleased to make me of the Freedom of the City by Protecting the Priviledges and Rights thereof.

CHAS. HARDY.

Fort George New York
the 10th. of September, 1755.

City Records.

No. 82.

At a Common Council held July 22d. 1757.

Aaron Gilbert, Salt measurer, was sworn a Freeman of this Corporation and ordered to be Registred and was also admitted and sworn into the office of one of the publick Measurers of this City.

City Records.

No. 83.

At a Common Council held October 10th. 1760.

Ordered, That Mr. Recorder, Alderman Lungston, Alderman Lispenard, Alderman Scott and Mr. Roosevelt or the Major part of Them be a Committee to Prepare the Draft of An Address to his Excellency General Amherst for his Success in the Reduction of Canada.

Resolved, That this Corporation Do Present him with the Freedom of this City and that the Seal of this Corporation be affixed thereto to be Enclosed in a Gold Box, and that Mr. Nicholas Roosevelt prepare such a Box accordingly.

At a Common Council held November 24th. 1760.

This Board Having ordered the Draft of an Address to his Excellency Jeffrey Amherst Esqr. Major Generall and Commander in Chief of all his Majesty's Forces in North America &c. To be prepared, a Draft was accordingly produced and Read in the words Following (Vizt.)

To his Excellency JEFFREY AMHERST, Esqr. Major Generall and Commander in Chief of all his Majesty's Forces in North America, &c. &c.

The Cordial Address of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the Antient City of New York in Common Councill Convened.

May it please your Excellency,

To the United Suffrages of the British world in favour of your Excellency's distinguished merit, the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, Beg leave to add their most graetful Tribute of Thanks for the invaluable Services wrought by your Superiour Wisdom and Valour in annexing the Extensive Country of Canada to his Majesty's Dominions in America, An Acquisition so inestimable in itself, so pregnant with the most important Consequences cannot fail to shine with a supreme Lustre amidst the most luminous Events, and give to its Author Rank Exalted in the Train of British Worthies, minutely to describe the Innumerable Advantages Resulting from so signal a Conquest would be a vain Attempt. Let Millions yet unborn mark the Distinguished Blessings as they Rise and while they Reap the happy Fruits of your martial Virtues they will not Cease to Bless the name of Amherst. Yet that we ourselves may not seem insensible of our Happiness permit us, Sir, to Turn our Eyes to the wide Extended Frontiers of our many fair Colonies, over which his sacred Majesty has so long swayed his

Gracious sceptre, how strangely altered is the amazing scene!—There the savage Native and more savage Canadian was lately wont to seize the Defenceless and inoffending Peasant doomed with his Tender wife and helpless Children to the most excruciating Death or a more Dreadfull Captivity Hence an Universal Horror seized the Borderers, To this succeeded a Generall Dereliction; and the numerous settlements abandoned to the Relentless fury of an insatiate foe were soon Reduced to dismal and undistinguished Ruin, Husbandry Felt the Fatal Effects of such a Waste of Country; and this City famous for its extensive Commerce Beheld and wept the Diminution of its Staple; Thus Besides the keenest sympathy for our suffering Fellow Subjects we have acted our own sad parts in the Affecting Tragedy.—But Canada is no more—The Peasant may Return in Security to his Fields; Husbandry will soon Revive, the face of nature smile with the Blessings of peace; and this Flourishing City rejoice in the Plenty of its markets. This surprizing Change we attribute with the most humble Gratitude to the paternal Care of our most gracious Sovereign in appointing your Excellency to Conduct his Victorious Armies in America. Our Restless Enemies, possessed of the Two Great Rivers of St. Lawrence and Mississippi, long since formed the horrid scheme of Circumventing us with a Chain of Fortresses, this with unwearied Industry they at Length atchieved; and by this they gained the Dominion of the Lakes and their Connecting Streams—the passes thus secured, as well into Canada as our own Country, necessarily Procured them the assistance of numerous Tribes of Indians, and, not to say worse shook the Fidelity of the few who had so long Valued themselves on our protection, nothing then seemed wanting but a little Patience till they had introduced a sufficient number of Regulars from France, but in this they Failed, their Sanguine Expectations broke down the Restraints of Policy and they Began to Execute

the deep-laid purpose Before they had Strength Sufficient to ensure Success, and yet thus advantageously Situated they Compelled us in a Defensive war to Toil through several Campaigns ; most of which ended in the Loss of Some Fort or Tract of Country, so True it is, that the inferiority of their numbers was in a great measure Compensated for, by the possession of those important posts ; which had they not Been wrested from them by your unexampled Conduct seconded by the matchless Heroism of the much lamented Wolfe and the Vigorous Efforts of his Brave Successor in Command, would in the hands of so vigilant designing and indefatigable an Enemy, most probably have ended in the Reduction of the whole British North America. This Sir, is a hasty Portraiture of the mighty Evils from which by your Triumphs we have Been delivered ; Evils to which we shall never again be exposed ; unless our late Restless neighbours should by a Restitution be Enabled to Renew the execrable attempt. Yet what will more Effectually perpetuate your name Sir with universal applause to the latest posterity are those ennumerable Benefits arising from an exclusive possession of this Vast Continent these Benefits, the purchase of your Labours, will unfold themselves in every Revolving year Till Great Britain shall Become the Emperial mistress of nations. Indeed to View her in her present Glorious State must Swell the Breast of her every worthy son, Her Royal fleets seem already to give Law to her Neighbours, as often as they spread Canvas even the insulting Gaul beholds with Trembling Expectation ; while to her Victorious Armies it is the same thing to march and to Conquer but the vast Variety of Soils and Climates in America capable of Produceing every Necessary and Conveniency of Life joined to the Fishery on its Coast must infalliably prove to our mother Country an inexhaustible Source of Wealth thus enabling her as well by the power of her arms witholding or Bestowing the Blessings both of art and nature, to humble the United

Arrogance of the most presumptuous opposers ; and Support the Tottering Fortunes of depended States. Such, Sir, Will be the wonderfull Effects of the Conquest gained by those Armies which you have Commanded with so much Honour to yourself and the nation A Conquest too immensely valuable ever to be ceded to an Enemy whose principal Characteristic is a Perfidious abuse of Favours, But, Sir, while so Remarkable an Event will never Fail to Furnish the most ample Testimonials of your military Accomplishments, the ingenuous mind must at the same Time receive a peculiar Satisfaction from the Contemplation of an other part of your uncommon Character ; we mean your Humane and Generous Use of Victory the picture of a Conqueror drawn from the Greatest Examples Recorded in the Faithfull pages of History tho' it strikes the soul with a mixture of Admiration and Terror is seldom expressive of the Benevolent Effections of the Heart even when the Conquered are Rather objects of Commiseration than Revenge, hence it is that your Compassionate Treatment of the Vanquished Canadians must appear most Singularly amiable To Require of a disarmed yet Implacable Foe whose Inhumanities have deserved the severest strockes of Vindictive Justice, nothing more than a quiet Submission to the Gentle Dictates of British Rule is indeed a Disinterested Virtue and must Convince the attentive World that Britons never Conquer to enslave. To Conclude ; Sir, that the God of Armies may Continue to Furnish your head with Wisdom, your Breast with Fortitude and your Arm with Strength that he may Cover you as with a Shield and make you Terrible to your Enemies in the day of Battle ; that you may Long live to Enjoy the gracious Smiles of your Royall Master, the Greatfull acclamations of the British Nation and the peaceful Eulogiums of an approving Conscience that your name may Be Remembered With Thankfulness by the Latest Posterity ; and that your unwearied Labours for the

publick Welfare may meet with their due Rewards here; and an unfading Crown of Glory hereafter, are the Earnest Wishes and Desires of your Excellency's most obedient humble servants, The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York.

Which was agreed To; and order'd to be Engrossed.

The Draft of a Freedom to Be Presented to his Excellency, was Also Read and is in the Words Following (Vizt.)

City of New York. } ss:

John Cruger Esqr., Mayor, the Recorder Aldermen and Assistants of the City of New York in Common Council Convened: To all To whom these presents shall come, send Greeting. Whereas the late Glorious Success of the British Arms in the Compleat Reduction of the extensive country of Canada to the Obedience of his Majesty, are under God to be attributed to the Singular Wisdom and Valour of his Excellency Jeffery Amherst Esqr. Major Generall and Commander in Chief of All his Majesty's forces in North America &c: In favour of whose Distinguished Merit wee are Desirous of Furnishing the most Ample and publick Testimonials. Wee do Therefore Under a Gratefull Sense of the many Signal Services wrought by the said Jeffery Amherst Esqr. for the British Nation in General, and the North America Colonies in particular During the Present War with France, hereby present him with the most hearty and Unfeigned Thanks of the Freedom of this Corporation, and in Testimony of our Great Esteem for his person and Merit and With a sincere Desire of Doing the Highest Honour to this City by the Addition of so Worthy and Dignified a member, Wee do entreat him to Accept of and do Accordingly present him with the Freedom of this Corporation; These are Therefore to Certify and Declare that the

said Jeffery Amherst Esqr. is By these presents Admitted Received and Allowed a Freeman and Citizen of the City of New York in the Colony of New York in North America. To have hold Enjoy and partake of All and Singular the Benefits Liberties privilidges freedoms and Immunities Whatsoever granted or Belonging and of Right Appertaining To a Freeman and Citizen of the same City; In Testimony whereof wee the Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the said City in Common Council Convened at the City Hall of the said City have caused the Seal of the said City to these presents to be affixed this Twenty Seventh day of November in the year of our Lord one Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty and in the Thirty fourth year of the Reign of his Majesty George the Second by the Grace of God of Great Brittain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c.

And ordered the same to be Handsomely Engrossed on Parchment and the seal of this Corporation Affixed thereto to be Enclosed in Gold Box with the Following Inscription Engraved thereon, to witt, *Illustrissimo Cesare orbem Tenente Britanicum Georgio Secundo, Insigni, Gallorum Canadensium Domitori Geoderido Amherst Anno MDCCLX Neo-Eboracensis Civitas hei virtutis militaris Tributum Gratissimé Confert.*

At a Common Council held November 27th. 1760.

The Engrossed Address to his Excellencey Jeffery Amherst Esqr., Major Generall and Commander in Chief of All his majesty's forces in North America &c. was Read and agreed to and Signed by the members of this Corporation, and then the whole Board Waited on his said Excellencey with the said address as also with the Freedom of this Corporation and seal thereto annexed, Enclosed in a Gold Box which they Presented to him, and thereupon his said Excellencey made the Following Answer (Vizt.)

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the Antient City of New York.

Gentlemen,

I Return you my most Sincere thanks for the Address you have pleased to make me. It Gives me Very particular pleasure that the success of his Majesty's Arms in the Reduction of Canada has Contributed so much to the Happiness of the People on this Continent, and it is my most hearty Wish that This City may Reap All the advantages it Can Desire from this Conquest, and that it may Prosper and Flourish to the Latest Time.

I am
Gentlemen,
Your most obedient
Humble Servant
JEFF: AMHERST.

City Records.

No. 84.

At a Common Council held October 30th. 1761.

This Board having order'd the draft of an address to his Excellency the Honourable Robert Monckton, Captain Generall and Governour in Chief in and over the Colony of New York, and Territories thereon Depending in America, Vice Admirall of the same and Major Generall of his Majesty's forces, to be prepared; a Draft was accordingly prepared and Read in the Words following (Vizt.)

The Humble address of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of his Majesties Antient Corporation of the City of New York, in Common Councill Convened.

May it please your Excellency,

We his Majesties most Dutifull and Loyall subjects,

the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, do with great sincerity Beg leave to Congratulate your Excellency upon your Accession to this Government We Do with the Greatest Gratitude and Thankfullness Acknowledge his most Gracious Majesties Paternal Care and Effection in Constituting and appointing over us a Gentleman every way Abundantly Qualifyed to discharge the high Station to which you are advanced, and the important Trust Reposed in your Excellency by our most Gracious Sovereign your Abode with us for some Considerable Time has furnished your Excellency with many Oppertunities of Becoming acquainted with the Civil and Religious Constitutions of the people you are to Govern, a favour not often Conferred upon us, and we have no Reason to Doubt that a Gentleman of your Excellencies abilities, has acquired a Sufficient knowledge in Both, Permit us, Sir, to Assure you, that your Gallant Conduct and intrepid Behaviour at the Memorable Battle, on the Plains of Abraham at Quebeck, will always be Gratefully remembered not only by the present Generation but also by the Latest posterity; And we beg leave to Assure your Excellency that we will, not only as a Body Politick and Corporate but also in our Respective Stations, Exert ourselves to Render your Excellencies Administration Easy and Prosperous among us.

Which being agreed to was order'd to be Engrossed;

The Draft of a Freedom to be preferred to his Excellency was also Read, and agreed to by this Board and is in the words following,

City of New York. } ss:

John Cruger Esqr., Mayor, and the Recorder, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, To All to whom these presents shall Come send Greeting.

Know yee, that we the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York aforesaid, Assembled in Common Councill, being Willing to Demonstrate the Great Value and Esteem wee have for the person of his Excellency the Honourable Robert Monckton, Captain Generall and Governour in Chief, of this his Majesty's Province of New York and Territories thereon depending in America, and Vice-Admirall of the same and Major Generall of his Majesties Forces, and being Truly sensible of the Great Honour it will be to this Corporation, to have so worthy a person a member thereof. Order'd that he be presented with the Freedom of this Corporation With the seal thereto Inclosed in a Gold Box with the City Arms Engraved on the Lid thereof ; These are therefore to Certify and declare that his said Excellency the Honourable Robert Monckton, is hereby admitted received and allowed a Freeman and Citizen of the same City. To have hold Enjoy and partake of All the benefits Liberties priviledges franchises freedoms and Immunities Whatsoever Granted or Belonging to the same City. In testimony whereof the said Mayor Recorder Aldermen and Commonalty have Caused the seal of the said City to be hereunto Affixed the Thirty first day of October in the Second year of the Reign of our Lord George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Brittain France and Ireland King defender of the faith &c. and in the year of our Lord one Thousand seven hundred and sixty one.

Ordered the same be Handsomely Engrossed on parchment and the seal of this Corporation affixed thereto to be Enclosed in a Gold Box.

At a Common Council held October 31st. 1761.

The Engrossed Address to his Excellency the Honourable Robert Monckton, Captain Generall and Governour in Chief in and over the Colony of New York and Territories thereon Depending in America, Vice

Admirall of the same, and Major Generall of his Majesty's forces was Read and agreed to, and Signed by the Members of this Corporation and then the whole Board Waited on his said Excellency, with the said Address, as Also with the freedom of this Corporation, and the Seal thereto inclosed, in a Gold Box, which they presented to him and thereupon his said Excellency made the following Answer (Vizt.)

Gentlemen,

I have the highest sense of the favourable opinion you are pleased to express of me in your Address for which, and your kind Congratulations, I return you my Unfeigned Thanks, Happy in your Professions to render my Administration easy and prosperous, I think it is my Indispensible duty, to give a particular Attention to the Welfare and Prosperity of this City.

January 13th. 1762. Ordered The Mayor issue his Warrant to the Treasurer, to pay Mr. Nicholas Roosevelt, the sum of Twenty four Pounds four Shillings, for a Gold Box which this Board annexed to the Freedom of this City lately given to his Excellency Robert Monckton.

City Records.

No. 85.

A Law relating to making Freemen.

Be it Ordained by the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen and Assistants of the City of New-York, convened in Common Council, and it is hereby Ordained by the Authority of the same. That all Persons hereafter to be made free of this Corporation (who were not born within this City, or served a regular Apprenticeship of seven years within the same) shall pay for the Freedom thereof as followeth, to wit, Every Merchant, Trader, or Shop-Keeper, the Sum of Five Pounds, of

current Money of this Colony, including the several Fees herein aftermentioned; and every Handicraft Tradesman, the Sum of Twenty Shillings, of like current Money, for the Use of this Corporation, with the Customary Fees on being made free, That is to say, Six Shillings to the Mayor, Six Shillings to the Recorder, Seven Shillings and Six Pence to the Clerk. One Shilling to the Cryer and Bell-ringer of the Mayor's Court; and that every Person hereafter to be made Free of this City, that was born, or served an Apprenticeship within the same, shall pay for being sworn a Freeman and registred, the Sum of One Shilling and Six Pence to the Clerk, and Nine Pence to the Cryer and Bell-ringer of the Mayor's Court.

II. And be it further Ordained by the Authority aforesaid, That every Person hereafter to be made Free of this City, shall take the following Oath before the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, and any Four or more of the Aldermen, (to wit).

Ye do swear, That ye shall be good and true to Our Sovereign Lord King GEORGE the Third, and to the Heirs of our said Sovereign Lord the King; Obeysant and obedient shall ye be to the Mayor and Ministers of this City, the Franchises and Customs thereof: Ye shall maintain, and this City keep Harmless, in that which in you is: Ye shall be contributing to all Manner of Charges within this City, as Summons, Watches, Contributions, Taxes, Tollages, Lot and Scot, and all other Charges, bearing your Part as a Freeman ought to do: Ye shall Know of no Gatherings, Conventicles, or Conspiracies made against the King's Peace, but you shall warn the Mayor thereof, or let it, to your Power. All these Points and Articles ye shall well and truly Keep, according to the Laws and Customs of this City, So help you GOD.

Laws, Statutes, Ordinances and Constitutions of the City of New York, November 9th. 1762. *New York,* 1763.

No. 86.

Printed form of Certificate of Freeman, 1765, from Manual of the Common Council for 1852, page 499.

City of New York } ss.
(L.S.)

By John Cruger, Esq; Mayor, And the Aldermen of the City of *New York, To all to whom these Presents shall come, send* Greeting.

WHEREAS Joseph Drake shopkeeper hath made Application to be made a Freeman, and Citizen of the same City. **These are Therefore** to certify and declare, that the said Joseph Drake is hereby admitted, received, and allowed, a Freeman and Citizen of the same City; To **Have, Hold, Use,** and **Enjoy,** all the Benefits, Privileges, Franchises, and Immunities whatsoever granted or belonging to the same City. **In Testimony** whereof, the said Mayor, and Aldermen, have hereunto caused the Seal of the said City to be affixed. **Witness** John Cruger, Esq; Mayor, the Twenty fourth Day of October, in the fifth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord, George the Third, by the Grace of God, of **Great-Britain, France,** and **Ireland,** King, Defender of the Faith, &c. and in the Year of our Lord 1765.

By Order of the said Mayor and Aldermen.
Augt. V. Cortlandt. Clk.

No. 87.

At a Common Council held November 14th. 1765.

Mr Recorder [Simon Johnson] produced to this Board the Draft of an Address to his Excellency Sir

Henry Moore, Baronet, Captain-Generall, and Governour in Chief, in and over the Colony of New York and Territories thereon depending in America, Vice-Admiral and Chancellor of the Same, Which was Read and is in the Words following.

To his Excellency Sir Henry Moore, Baronet, Captain General and Governour in Chief, in and over the Colony of New York and the Territories thereon Depending in America, Vice Admiral & Chancellor of the Same.

The humble Address of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of his Majesty's Ancient Corporation of the City of New York, in Common Council Convened. May it Please your Excellency,

With Hearts Elate and full of Joy, we Beg Leave to Congratulate your Excellency on Your Appointment to the Chief Command of this Colony and the safe Arrival of Yourself and Family Amongst us.

While we Look Back upon the Administration of Your immediate Predecessor, General Monckton, Who Governed this Colony with a Spirit of Dignity Justice and Tenderness never to Be Forgotten By the people of this Country, we Esteem it a fresh proof of his Majesty's paternal Care over us that he was pleased, Instantly upon his Removal To Berwick, to make provision for our Loss By delivering the Charge of the Colony to a Gentleman whose fame Promises us so happy a Succession.

It is indeed Unfortunate to Your Excellency that the Colonies in General are now Groaning under the Burthen of Great Grievances and filled with fearfull Apprehensions of the Loss of Some of their most Inestimable Privilidges: But it is no Small Alleviation of our Grief that we Can Assure your Excellency we feel No Abatement of that Gracious Protection which has so Gloriously distinguished the Princes of his Majesty's Illustrious house, and as we do with all undissembled

sincerity Profess the utmost Devotion and Loyalty to our Royal Sovereign, so it Affords us no Small Pleasure that By Your Accession to the Government We Again have the Prospect that the True State and fidelity of his Subjects in this Colony will Be faithfully Represented to the Throne.

Impressed with the most favourable Sentiments of Your Excellency (whose Arrival at this Critical Juncture was most ardently wished for) we Rejoice in the Confident Expectation, of the preservation and Establishment of the Publick Peace and Felicity; And shall Always Be Ready on our Parts, not only to Contribute to the maintainance of Good order in this City, But to the Comfort and Ease of yourself and family.

Signed By order of the Common-Council.
Augustus Van Cortlandt Clk.
City of New York, November 21st. 1765.

And the same Being Approved of By this Board was ordered To Be Engrossed and at the same Time the Draft of a Freedom to be Preferred to his said Excellency was Also Read and Agreed to By this Board and is in the Words following (Vizt.)

City of New York } ss.

John Cruger Esq^r. Mayor, and the Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York: To all to Whom these Presents shall Come send Greeting. Know Yee that we the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York aforesaid, Assembled in Common Council, Being willing to Demonstrate the Great Value and Esteem we have for the Person of his Excellency Sir Henry Moore, Baronet, Captain General and Governour in Chief in and over the Province of New York and the Territories thereon depending in America, Vice-Admiral and Chancellor of the same, and Being Fully Sensible of the Great honour it will Be to

this Corporation to have so Worthy a Person a Member thereof Order'd that he Be Presented with the Freedom of this Corporation with the seal thereto Enclosed in a Gold Box, with the City Arms Engraved on the Lid thereof, These are Therefore to Certify and Declare that his said Excellency Sir Henry Moore, Baronet, is hereby Admitted Received and Allowed a Freeman and Citizen of the said City; To have hold Enjoy and Partake of all the Benefitts Liberties Privilidges franchises freedoms and Immunities Whatsoever Granted or Belonging to the same City; In Testimony Whereof the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty have Caused the seal of the said City to be hereunto Affixed the Fourteenth day of November in the Sixth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George The Third, By the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King, defender of the faith &c[a] and in the Year of our Lord One Thousand seven hundred and Sixty five.

By order of the Common-Council;
Augustus Van Cortlandt Clk.

Ordered By this Board that the same Be handsomly Engrossed on Parchment and the seal of this Corporation Affixed thereto to be Enclosed in a Gold Box with the City Arms Engraved thereon.

At a Common Council held November 21st. 1765.

The Engrossed Address to his Excellency Sir Henry Moore, Baronet, Captain General and Governour in Chief in and Over the Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America, Vice Admiral and Chancellor of the same, was read and agreed to And ordered that the same Be Signed By the Clerk of this Board, and then the whole Board waited on his said Excellency, with the said Address as also with the Freedom of this Corporation and the Seal thereto Annexed in a Gold Box, which they pre-

sented to him and thereupon his said Excellency made the following Answer, (vizt.)

Gentlemen,

I return you my hearty thanks for this Address and for Your Expressions of Regard for my Self and Family. It will be no small Satisfaction to me if my Arrival here can in any shape Contribute to the Publick Peace and Tranquility. Nothing on my part shall be wanting to Establish them on a Lasting foundation; and from Your Assurances of Duty and Loyalty to his Majesty, as well as Readiness to maintain Good Order in this City, I can have no doubt of obtaining so desirable an end.

At a Common Council held June 3d. 1766.

Ordered that the Mayor issue his Warrant to the Treasurer to pay Nicholas Roosevelt Esqr. or order, the sum of Thirty Eight pounds Ten Shillings in full for Two Gold Boxes, Made for the use of the Corporation.

City Records.

No. 88.

At a Common Council held June 10th. 1766.

Mr. Mayor informed this Board that William Davis, of this City, Marriner, hath lately delivered to him to be Presented to this Board the Picture of the Right Honourable William Pitt, set in an Elegant and Genteel frame, and this Board in order to Demonstrate the Great Value and Esteem they have for the person of so Great a Patriot and Friend to America as the said William Pitt, Do hereby in Return for the Compliment of the said William Davis, Order that the Freedom of this Corporation be prepared and presented to

him, and that the Clerk prepare one Accordingly and deliver the same to Mr. Mayor who is desired to Present it to the said William Davis, with the Thanks of this Board.

City Records.

No. 90.

At a Common Council held February 20th. 1767.

Jasper Stymets of this City was Sworn a Freeman of this Corporation, and Ordered to be registered and the said Jasper Stymets made application to this Board to be appointed one of the publick measurers of the said City. Ordered by this Board that he be appointed to the said Office accordingly, on his first taking the usual oath for the due execution of the same.

City Records.

No. 91.

At a Common Council held June 3d. 1768.

Ordered that Charles Giles be appointed, and he is hereby accordingly appointed one of the publick Measurers of this City on his taking the usual Oath for the due Execution of said Office, and the said Charles Gyles was at the same time Admitted and Sworn a Freeman of this Corporation and ordered to be registred.

City Records.

No. 92.

At a Common Council held August 24th. 1769.

The Petition of Theophilus Hardenbrock and Sundry other House Carpenters in this City, was again

Read, setting forth among other things that a Consid erable Number of Country Carpenters have for Some years past Come into this City in the Summer Season and Followed their Trade, and in the Fall return again to their familys without paying Any Taxes or assessments, to the Great prejudice of your petitioners and the impoverishment of their familys, &c.

Ordered that Alderman Blagge, Alderman Gautier, and Messmes Huggit, Van Varick, Van Wagenen, or the major part of them be a Committee to Confer with the petitioners in order to relieve them upon the subject of their petition and report the same to this Board with all Convenient Speed.

City Records.

No. 89.

At a Common Council held January 19th. 1770.

Whereas it hath been reported to this Board that one certain William Lisk, of the said City, Carpenter, did yesterday endeavour to Excite and promote a Riot, to demolish a Certain House in the Commons, Contiguous to the Work House, the property of this Corporation, and did at the same time treat the Mayor, in a very Insolent and Contemptuous manner, who was then in the Execution of his Office Contrary to the Oath the said William Lisk, hath taken to preserve the peace of the said City as a Freeman thereof, It is therefore

Ordered by this Board, that upon Service of a Copy hereof on the said William Lisk, he appear before this Board on Thursday next at three o'Clock in the afternoon at the Common Council Chamber, in the City Hall of this City, to shew Cause why he should not be disfranchised, for his Conduct aforesaid.

[There is no record of his appearance to answer the charge.]

No. 93.

At a Common Council held October 27th. 1770.

Mr Recorder produced to this Board, the draft of an address to his Excellency the Right Honourable John Earl of Dunmore, Captain General & Governour in Chief in & over the province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America, Chancellor & Vice Admiral of the same in the Words following,

To his Excellency the Right Honourable &c. as above

The humble address of the Mayor, Alderman & Commonalty of the City of New York in Common Council Convened.

May it please your Excellency.

The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of this City Embrace with alacrity, the Earliest opportunity of Offering to your Lordship, their hearty Congratulations on your appointment to the Chief Command of this Colony, and your arrival in the Metropolis of your Government.

Impress'd with the warmest Sentiments of Duty and Loyalty to our gracious Sovereign, We acknowledge with the Utmost Gratitude this recent and affectionate Instance of his Majestys Goodness and paternal Care, in appointing to preside over us his faithfull Colony a Nobleman eminently distinguished, by his Rank and Quality, and whose personal accomplishments afford the most pleasing prospect of an able and upright administration.

From Expectations so well Grounded, we cannot doubt of your Excellencys Countenance and protection in the full and uninterrupted Enjoyment of the franchises and Immunities Extended by his Majesty's Royal Predecessors to this his Ancient Corporation, and with undissembled Sincerity, we beg leave to assure your Lordship, our best Endeavours shall Con-

stantly be Exerted in promoting the true End of all Government peace order and publick Tranquility, while we shall neglect no opportunity in Contributing everything in our power to your Excellencys Ease, Satisfaction and felicity.

And the same being approved of by this Board, was ordered to be Engrossed, and at the same time the draft of a Freedom to be preferred to his said Excellency was also Read and agreed to by this Board, and is in the words following

City of New York } ss:

By Whitehead Hicks Esq[r] Mayor, and the Aldermen & Commonalty of the said City. To all to whom these presents shall Come. Send Greeting Know ye that we the Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York aforesaid, assembled in Common Council, being willing to demonstrate the Great value and Esteem we have for the person of his Excellency the Right Honourable John Earl of Dunmore, Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same, and being truly sensible of the Great honour it will be to this Corporation, to have so worthy a person a Member thereof, Ordered that he be presented with the Freedom of this Corporation, with the Seal thereto enclosed in a Golden Box, with the City Arms Engraved on the Lid thereof: These are therefore to Certify and Declare, that his said Excellency the Right Honourable John Earl of Dunmore, is hereby admitted, received and allowed a Freeman & Citizen of the said City. To have and to hold Enjoy and partake of all the Benefits, Liberties, priviledges, franchises, freedoms, and Immunities, whatsoever, Granted or belonging to the same City. In Testimony whereof the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty, have Caused the Seal of the said City, to

be hereunto affixed the 27th day of October, in the Eleventh year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King, Defender of the faith &c. and in the year of our Lord 1770.

Ordered by this Board that the same be handsomly Engrossed on parchment, and the Seal of this Corporation be affixed thereto to be Enclosed in a Gold box, with the City Arms Engraved theron.

At a Common Council held November 13th. 1770.

The Engrossed address to his Excellency the Right Honourable John Earl of Dunmore, Captain General and Governour in Chief, in and over the province of New York, and the Territories depending thereon in America, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same, was Read and agreed to, and ordered that the same be signed by the Mayor, and the same being signed accordingly; this Board did thereupon Wait on his said Excellency with the said address, and the same was presented to him by the Recorder, [Thomas Jones]. Who returned the following Answer (vizt.)

Gentlemen,

I am infinitely obliged to you for this kind address. I hope to Confirm you in the Good opinion you Conceive of me, by making the Franchises and Immunities of this Corporation the Objects of my particular Care and Attention and with your assistance, I am not under the Least doubt of seeing the most perfect order and Tranquility Reign throughout this City.

City Records

No. 94.

At a Common Council held July 9th. 1771.

Ordered by this Board, that Mr. Recorder [Thomas Jones] Do prepare the draft of an Address to his

Excellency William Tryon Esqr., Captain General and Governour in Chief, in and over the Province of New York, and the Territories depending thereon in America, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same, and that the Clerk of the Board prepare the Draft of a Freedom of this Corporation to his said Excellency, and prefer the same at their next meeting.

Ordered by this Board, that Alderman Brewerton and Mr. Mesier, be a Committee to Cause a Gold Box to be prepared against Saturday next, of the Value of twenty pistoles, for Enclosing the City Seal, to be annexed to the Freedom of his said Excellency William Tryon, and that the said Committee apply to John Ling, to prepare the same Accordingly.

It is agreed to by this Board, and Ordered, that John Myer illuminate the City Hall, New Goal, Work House, and the Ferry House at Nassau Island, at the Expence of this Corporation, as a Compliment to his Excellency Governour Tryon.

At a Common Council held July 15th. 1771.

Mr Recorder, Pursuant to an order of the last Common Council, produced to this Board, the draft of an Address to his Excellency William Tryon Esqr., Captain General and Governour in Chief, in and over the province of New York, and the Territories depending thereon in America, Chancellor & Vice Admiral of the same, which being Read, is in the words following.

To his Excellency William Tryon, (as above)

The humble address of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York.

May it please your Excellency,

We, his majestys most dutifull and loyal Subjects, the Mayor, Aldermen & Commonalty of this antient

Corporation, beg leave to present your Excellency, our warmest Congratulations on your arrival with your family in this Colony; and your appointment to Succeed our late worthy Governor the Earl of Dunmore, on whom, from a just Estimation of his Services, his majesty hath been Graciously pleased to Confer the Government of his Dominion of Virginia.

With the most lively Gratitude we receive this mark of his majestys paternal Goodness in appointing to preside over this his loyal and faithful Colony, a Gentleman whose abilities eminently distinguish and qualify him for the discharge of this important trust, and whose Irreproachable Conduct in the Government he lately so honourably filled, is the Strongest presage of our own publick felicity.

The ardour with which your Excellency as Supreme magistrate in the Colony, which you lately presided over, undertook that hazardous though necessary Service, in Supporting the Laws of the Country, and the Quelling a daring Insurrection justly alarming to the Community, and which if not happily Suppressed, might have been Attended with Very Dangerous Consequences, we think reflects great honour upon your Excellency.

We Cannot leave your Excellency, without entreating your favourable Countenance and protection of this Corporation in the full enjoyment of all its franchises and priviledges Granted by his Majesty's Royal predecessors, nor without Offering our most ardent wishes, that you may long enjoy the inward and Solid Satisfaction, resulting from an easy, mild, and equitable administration, which we shall ever Studiously endeavour to promote, Confident from the tendency of your Amiable disposition, that it will prove a Blessing to the people.

And the same being approved of by this Board, was ordered to be Engrossed, and at the same time the draft of a Freedom of this Corporation, to be preferred

to his said Excellency was also Read, and agreed to by this board, and is the words following,

City of New York. } ss :

By Whitehead Hicks Esqr., Mayor, and the Aldermen and Commonalty of the said City. To all to whom these presents shall Come, Send Greeting. Know Ye that we, the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York aforesaid assembled in Common Council, being Willing to demonstrate the great Value and Esteem we have for the person of his Excellency William Tryon Esq^r, Captain General and Governor in Chief, in and over the province of New York, and the Territories depending thereon in America, Chancellor and Vice admiral of the same, and being truly Sensible of the Great honour it will be to this Corporation, to have so worthy a person a Member thereof, Ordered that he be presented with the Freedom of this Corporation, with the Seal thereto, enclosed in a Golden Box; These are therefore to Certify and Declare, that his said Excellency, the said William Tryon, is hereby admitted, Received and allowed, a Freeman and Citizen of the said City To have and to hold, Enjoy and partake of all the benefits Liberties, priviledges, franchises, freedoms, and immunities whatsoever, Granted or belonging to the same City. In Testimony whereof the said Mayor Aldermen & Commonalty, have Caused the Seal of the said City, to be hereunto affixed the [18th] day of July, in the Eleventh year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord George the third, by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King, Defender of the faith &c. and in the year of our Lord 1771.

Ordered by this board that the same be hansomly Engrossed on parchment, and the Seal of this Corporation be Affixed thereto, to be Enclosed as aforesaid.

At a Common Council held July 18th. 1771.

The Engrossed Address to his Excellency William Tryon Esqr., Captain General and Governour in Chief, in and over the Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same, was Read and agreed to, and ordered that the same be Signed by the Mayor, and the same was Signed Accordingly. This Board did thereupon wait on his said Excellency, with the said Address, and the same was presented to him by the Recorder, Who returned the following Answer (vizt.)

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York,

Gentlemen,

I receive with Real pleasure your Congratulations on my Arrival with my Family in this Colony, and esteem myself happy in being appointed to Succeed your late worthy Governour in the Command of this most Respectable province.

I conceived it an indispensable duty in me, to Carry into Execution those active Measures, I was Called upon to pursue, in Vindication of the Violated Civil Rights of a province I had then the honour to preside over. But to receive such honourable Testimonies of the necessity of that Service, from the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of this antient Corporation, affords as much Inward satisfaction to my mind, as it does me publick honor.

Imprest with a proper Sense of my duty, and your favourable Opinion of my Inclinations, I shall faithfully endeavour to promote the publick felicity, of this Country.

The Corporation of the City of New York, may be Confident, of every possible Countenance and protection from me, in all its franchises and priviledges

granted by his Majesty's Royal predecessors, and that their Studious endeavours to promote the Success of my administration will meet, with all Suitable returns of Respect and Gratitude.

And then this Board presented his said Excellency with the Freedom of the Corporation.

City Records.

The Certificate of Freedom issued July 18. 1771. having been destroyed in the fire at Fort George, a duplicate was made, with the following proceedings of the Corporation.

At a Common Council held February 21st. 1774.

M^r^ Mayor produced the draft of an address to his Excellency Governor Tryon, which being read is in the Words following,

To his Excellency William Tryon Esqr., Captain General and Governor in Chief, in and over the Colony of New York, and the Territories depending thereon in America, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same.

The Humble address of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York.

May it please your Excellency,

While we Testify our Gratitude to God for the Gracious interposition of his Almighty arm in preserving your Excellency, and so many Branches of your family, in the late Conflagrations of the Buildings in the fort; it is with a mixture of undissembled Grief, that we find ourselves Called to the melancholy Office of Condolence on account of your Great Losses in the wasting destruction of that memorable and Perilous hour.

But Pungent as our Sorrow is, for this Calamity to your Excellency, it might be Alleviated by the Generous Sympathy of a province, that has a Just Sense of the merits of its Ruler, if the approaching minutes of your departure did not darken the prospect, we had of a more lasting felicity under your Command.

It becomes us as the Loyal Subjects of a most Gracious Sovereign, to Submit to an act of his pleasure, Expressly founded upon the Royal approbation of its Expediency for the publick Utility; and more Especially, as you have inspired us with the firmest Confidence in your Zealous Attention whether present or Absent to the best of Interests of the Colony.

It is Nevertheless with regret, that we are Obliged to look forward to the parting moment; for if Integrity and Generosity, Impartiality and Condescension, prudence and activity, Vigilence and Indepency, in the Chief majestrate of a Colony, are Sure pledges of the people, of the Common felicity, we have to deprecate your departure, as an Event unfortunate to the province.

In Testimony of the Affectionate Esteem of a Grateful City, We beg Sir, your acceptance of this Box, enclosing an Exemplification of that Instrument destroyed in the late fire, by which we formerly Gave you a Title to its freedom and privileges, and which you once did us the honour to Receive.

And the same being approved of by this board, was ordered to be Engrossed.

At a Common Council held February 22d. 1774.

The Engrossed address to his Excellency William Tryon Esq^{r}. Captain General and Governor in Chief, in and over the province of New York, and the Territories depending thereon in America, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same, was Read this day and agreed to, and

Ordered, that the same be Signed by M^{r} Mayor in

behalf of this Corporation, and the same was Signed accordingly. This Board did thereupon Wait on his said Excellency, with the said Address, and the same was presented to him by Mr Recorder—who Returned the following answer, (to witt,)

Gentlemen,

I take Very Kindly this Publick Testimony of your Congratulations on the providential Deliverance of my family from the Calamitous and Perilous Situation to which we were Subjected by the late fire; and Return you my Cordial thanks for your warm and feeling Expressions, of Condolence on the Heavy Losses I Sustained in that Consuming and destructive hour. The Generous Sympathy of a province may Alleviate the Burden of my pecuniary Injuries, but the loss of useful papers, and a Collection of everything, that I have been able to make, thr'o a Series of Years devoted to Business, must be Irreparable lasting.

The favorable Sentiments this City Entertains of the Impartiality and Integrity of my publick Conduct, Gives me Great Satisfaction.

I Gratefully accept from the Mayor, Aldermen & Commonalty of the City of New York, this Early repossession of a Golden Box, and Exemplification of that Instrument which upon my Arrival in this Government; Gave me a Right to the Freedom and privileges of a Citizen; This Honorable mark of Distinction was pleasing to me at the first presenting of it, but the uniform Civility and Attention of its Inhabitants has Enhanced the Value of the Testimonial, and my warmest Wishes, whither present or absent, will ever attend this flourishing Commercial American City.

Wm. Tryon.

Ordered the Mayor Issue his Warrant to the Treasurer of this City to pay to Otto Parisien, or order, the sum of £32:18:6, for a Golden Box, by him made, by order of this Board.

No. 95.

Fort George New York May the 3rd. 1774.

Gentlemen,

In Answer to the Memorial presented to me in behalf of the Members of the Corporation of this City, relative to Incompatibility of the Offices of Alderman & Coroner being held by one & the same Person, I am to inform you that I have received Mr. Benjamin Blagge's Resignation of the Office of Coroner, & With the Advice of his Majesty's Council, Nominated his son John to Succeed him in that Office, which will superceed the Necessity of My deciding upon the Legality of the opinions of the Gentlemen of the Law who have been consulted on that Occasion.

I am Gentlemen
Your most Obedient Servant
Wm. Tryon.

To the Worshipfull Mayor
& Corporation of New York.

City Records.

No. 96.

At a Common Council held November 14th. 1765.

The Draft of a Freedom to Be Preferred to his Excellency the honourable Thomas Gage, Major General and Commander in Chief, of all his Majesty's forces in North America, was Likewise Read and Agreed to By this Board and is in the words following (viz^{t}.)

City of New York } ss.

John Cruger Esqr. Mayor, and the Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York. To all To Whom these Presents shall Come Send Greeting. know Yee that wee, the Mayor, Aldermen and Com-

monalty of the City of New York Aforesaid, Assembled in Common Council, Being willing to demonstrate the Great Value and Esteem we have for the Person of his Excellency the honourable Thomas Gage, Major General and Commander in Chief of all his Majesty's forces in North America &c : and Being Truly sensible of the Great honour it will Be to this Corporation to have so Worthy a Person a Member Thereof, Ordered That he Be Presented with the Freedom of this Corporation, with the seal thereto, Enclosed in a Gold Box with the City Arms Engraved on the Lid Thereof ; These are Therefore to Certify and Declare that his said Excellency The Honourable Thomas Gage, is hereby Admitted Received and Allowed a Freeman and Citizen of the said City ; To have hold Enjoy and Partake of all the Benefitts, Liberties, Privilidges, franchises, freedoms and Immunities Whatsoever Granted or Belonging to the same City. In Testimony Whereof the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty have Caused the seal of the said City to Be hereunto Affixed the Fourteenth Day of November in the Sixth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third, By the Grace of God of Great Britain France & Ireland King, Defender of the faith and so forth, and in the Year of our Lord one Thousand Seven hundred and Sixty five.

By order of the Common Council
Augustus Van Cortlandt Clk.

Its Ordered By this Board, that the same Be handsomly Engrossed on Parchment, and the seal of this Corporation Affixed thereto, to be Enclosed in a Gold Box, with the City Arms Engraved thereon.

At a Common Council May 20th. 1773.

The Mayor communicated to this Board that General Gage, intends shortly to leave this province for Europe, and that as his conduct had been Generally

approved of by the Inhabitants of this City, therefore proposed that this Board should address him and at the same time, prefer him with the Freedom of this Corporation, the Seal whereof to be Enclosed in a Gold Box.

This Board therefore Agreeing in Sentiment with Mr. Mayor, Ordered that an Address and Freedom be prepared Accordingly.

At a Common Council held June 4th. 1773.

Mr Mayor Produced to this Board, the draft of an address to his Excellency the Honourable Thomas Gage, Lieutenant General in his Majestys army & Commander in Chief of all his forces in North America, on his Departure from this Province to Europe, which was Read, and is in the words following.

To his Excellency the Honourable Thomas Gage, Lieutenant General in his Majestys Army & Commander in Chief of his Majestys Forces in North America.

The Address of the Mayor, Aldermen, & Commonalty of the City of New York.

We should do Violence to the Grateful Feelings of the Citizens of New York, of every Rank, if we omitted in taking Leave of your Excellency, to Express their Grief at the Deparature of an Inhabitant, whose Residence here has done Honour to our City. and of whose Politeness and Benevolence we have had Abundant Experience.

It would be painful to you, Sir, and on some joyful Occasion, it will be more Agreeable to us, to recount the most Signal Instances of your Favour to this Community ; permit us nevertheless to remark that your's was the Arduous Task to command an Army, in that critical Hour, when the several Branches of the Empire, rent by unnatural Discords, seemed to

be upon the point of Dissolving the Union to which they owe their Safety their Glory and their happiness; and your's was the Honour to direct in that Storm, not only with Wisdom and Firmness, but with that Magnanimity and Prudence, so happily suited to the Exigencies of the Times, and with that Affectionate Tenderness to the true Interest of the Publick which never fails to Add more Lustre to the character of a General, than can be derived from all the splendid Exploits of Arms.

In the Name of a City, that has a high and just Sense of your distinguished Merit, and as a Memorial of the Gratitude, and Affection of its Inhabitants, we beg your Acceptance of this Box, and a Title to all the Rights of a Citizen of New York; and we most Ardently beseech the sovereign disposer of human Affairs, ever to follow you and your family, with the Smiles of a most indulgent Providence,

And the same being approved of by this board, was ordered to be Engrossed—and at the same time the draft of a Freedom to be preferred to his said Excellency was also Read and agreed to by this Board,

Ordered by this Board that the same be handsomly Engrossed on parchment, and the Seal of this Corporation Affixed thereto, to be Enclosed in a Gold Box with the City arms Engraved thereon.

At a Common Council held June 7th. 1773.

The Engrossed address to his Excellency the Honourable Thomas Gage, Lieutenant General in his Majestys Army and Commander in Chief of all his Majestys forces in North America, was Read and agreed to,

Ordered that the same be Signed by Mr. Mayor, and the same being Signed accordingly this Board, did thereupon Wait on his said Excellency with the said address, as also with the Freedom of this Corporation, the Seal of the said Corporation being Enclosed

in a Gold Box and annexed thereto, which they presented to his said Excellency, and thereupon his said Excellency made the following answer (Vizt.)

To the Worshipful the Mayor, Aldermen, & Commonalty of the City of New York,

Gentlemen,

Your very kind Address, at this Time of my Departure, gives me uncommon pleasure, and merits my warmest Acknowledgements.

It has ever been my Ambition, as my Study. equally to promote the Interest of my King, and the welfare of his Subjects. I cannot therefore fail of being highly sensible of the honourable Testimony you are pleased to Give me of your Approbation of my Conduct.

I esteem myself highly honoured, by your enrolling my Name in the List of your Citizens and I accept your present with gratitude, as a Memorial of your Affections, and as such i shall ever carefully preserve it.

It is my Ardent Wish, that your City may increase & prosper & that its Inhabitants may continue a flourishing & happy people, to the End of Time.

Ordered the Mayor Issue his Warrant to the Treasurer of this City to pay to Otto Parisien, or order, the Sum of £30 : 16, for a Gold Box made by order of this Board, for Enclosing the City Seal, annexed to the Freedom, which the Corporation presented to General Gage this day.

June 17th. 1773. A Warrant issued to Robert Hull for the sum of Sixty one pounds, ten Shillings and Six pence, in full of his account, for the Expence of Entertaining General Gage.

City Records

No. 97.

At a Common Council held December 2d. 1773.

Be it Ordained by the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York convened in Common Council, and it is hereby ordained by the Authority of the same, that the following Laws and Ordinances of this Corporation be established, published and continued, and remain in full Force and Virtue for one Year from and after the Date hereof, viz:

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No. 9. A Law relating to Freemen

City Records.

No. 10. A Law relating to making Freemen.

Be it Ordained by the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, convened in Common Council, and it is hereby Ordained by the Authority of the same. That all Persons hereafter to be made free of this Corporation (who were not born within this City, or served a regular Apprentice ship of seven Years within the same) shall pay for the Freedom thereof as followeth, to wit, Every Merchant, Trader or Shop-Keeper, the Sum of Five Pounds, of current Money of this Colony, including the several Fees herein after-mentioned; and every Handicraft Tradesman, the Sum of Twenty Shillings, of like current Money, for the Use of this Corporation, with the customary Fees on being made Free. That is to say, Six Shillings to the Mayor, Seven Shillings and Six Pence to the Clerk, and One Shilling to the Cryer and Bell-ringer of the Mayor's Court; and that every Person hereafter to be made Free of this City, that was born, or served Apprentice ship within the same, shall pay for being sworn a Freeman and registered, and a Certificate, the Sum of Six-Shillings to the Mayor, Seven Shillings and Six pence to the Clerk, and One Shilling to the Cryer and Bell-ringer of the Mayor's Court.

II. And be it further Ordained by the Authority aforesaid, That any Person hereafter to be made Free of this City, shall take the following Oath before the Mayor, Deputy-Mayor, and any Four or more of the Aldermen, (to wit.)

Ye do swear, That ye shall be good and true to our Soverign Lord King George the Third, and to the Heirs of our said Sovereign Lord the King, obeisant and obedient shall ye be to the Mayor and Ministers of this City; the Franchises and Customs thereof: Ye shall maintain, and this City keep Harmless, in that which in you is: Ye shall be contributing to all Manner of Charges within this City, as Summons, Watches, Contributions, Taxes, Tollages, Lot and Scot, and all other Charges, bearing your Part as a Freeman ought to do: Ye shall know of no Gatherings, Conventicles, or Conspiracies made against the King's Peace, but you shall warn the Mayor thereof, or let it, to your Power. All these Points and Articles ye shall well and truly keep, according to the Laws and Customs of this City. So help you God.

Laws Statutes and Ordinances published December 2d. 1773.
Printed by Hugh Gaine, 1774.

No. 98.

At a Common Council held April 7th. 1774.

Robert R. Livingston, Esqr., Signified to this board that he had Resigned his Commission of Recorder, and this Board being willing to demonstrate the Esteem and Regard they have for him, and a just Sense of his Merit, agree to Compliment him with the Freedom of this Corporation.

City Records.

ADDENDUM TO FREEMAN, 1854.

At half past ten yesterday morning, Aldermen Blunt, Hoffmeyer and Lord, and Councilmen Wild, Seeley and Hodgekinson, the Joint Committee of the Common Council appointed to tender to Capt. Robert Creighton, of the British ship *Three Bells*, the Freedom of the City, in accordance with the joint resolutions of the two Boards to this effect met at the Astor House, where they were received by Capt. Creighton.

In the presence of a small company assembled, Alderman Blunt, Chairman of the Committee, presented Capt. Creighton with the Freedom of the City in a gold box, and accompanied the presentation by the following address :

Capt. Robert Creighton—Sir : I am authorized by the Corporation of the City of New York to extend to you the Freedom of the City, together with a gold box as a testimonial of their regard for you.

I might linger on the thrilling incidents connected with your fidelity to suffering humanity, from the moment you discovered the *San Francisco* until you had rescued from a watery grave, more than two hundred distracted beings. I might touchingly allude to your tears, from day to day, (as witnessed by your sailors,) because you could not sooner relieve the unfortunate. I might speak of the fearful responsibility you assumed in violating the insurance of your ship and valuable cargo, by deviating from your specific course—of your personal perils amid the howling tempest—of the four-inch stream of water pouring in upon you, which caused both pumps to be constantly wrought before you discovered the wreck—of the disadvantage of four hundred tons of iron and large quantities of merchandise, in a ship of only seven hundred tons burthen, of the loss of every sail, before you saw the wreck, save your foresail and mainsail. I might dwell on these historical truths

and on your affectionate regard for the rescued; but I forbear. All this, and even more, is on every tongue and uttered around every fireside, and cannot be glorified by me.

The contemplation of the good you have affected, will ever be a delightful solace to you, and your humanity will be a precious inheritance to your consanguity. The wives and children of those whose lives you have preserved, will ever love you, and transmit your name to their farthest posterity. The mariners of every ocean will strive to imitate your meritorious example. The noble youth of our country will read of your heroic deeds, and resolve to cultivate your manly virtues. Little children already lisp your name in terms of praise. Tears of gratitude are freely shed for you by either sex; and fervent prayers go up to Heaven from the habitations of all this land, that your valuable life may be long preserved, and that health, happiness and prosperity, may ever be your lot.

And your name will be revered by coming generations, when every being who beholds the sun of this day shall be a tenant of the tomb.

To this address Capt. Creighton responded as follows: Gentlemen: I thank you sincerely for the testimonial of approbation you have given me in behalf of the Corporation of the City of New York, and I accept it with pleasurable emotions. I would I were worthier of the honor which you now bestow, and the other honors which have been forced upon me during my stay in your city. In the humble position which I occupied with respect to the survivors of the unfortunate *San Francisco*, in whatever I have done I have performed nothing more than a humanitary duty—a duty which I feel that any man, animated by the common sympathies of human nature, would gladly have done under similar circumstances. Gentlemen, I renew my thanks to you for the high honor you have conferred, and I feel that I would be wanting in gratitude did I not fully reciprocate the kindly wishes towards the city and citizens of New

York, which they have so generously expressed in my behalf.

The box presented was a massive gold one, of about three and a half inches in length, two and a half in breadth at the centre, and an inch and a quarter in height. It was richly ornamented with chaste work. Inside the cover of the box was engraved the following words :

" Presented to Capt. ROBERT CREIGHTON, by the Common Council of the City of New York, with the Freedom of the City, for his noble conduct in rescuing the lives of the passengers and crew of the steamship San Francisco, which was shipwrecked in the Gulf Stream, while bound from New York to San Francisco, California, January, 1854."

After the presentation, Capt. Creighton, accompanied by the Committee, entered a carriage, and was conveyed to the Governor's room at the City Hall, where large numbers of our citizens had assembled for the purpose of seeing and congratulating the man who had risked so much for humanity's sake in saving the survivors of the *San Francisco.* On the arrival of the carriage Capt. Creighton was greeted with three cheers. He proceeded at once to the Governor's room, and within the space of an hour and a half over three thousand of our citizens, including many ladies, shook the gallant captain warmly by the hand. He was frequently cheered during the time. At half past twelve o'clock he returned, in company with the Committee, to the Astor House.

At five o'clock a select company of gentlemen, mostly members of the Common Council, met at the Astor House to partake of a dinner tendered to Capt. Creighton. Councilman Wild presided. After the cloth had been removed, Capt. Creighton, Capt. James P. Watkins, and others were toasted and cheered. Among those who spoke were Councilmen Wild, Clancy, and Conover, Aldermen Herrick and Drake, Mr. F. McDonald, the consignee of the *Three Bells*, Mr. Andrews, and others.

In the evening in accordance with an invitation ex-

tended by Mr. E. A. Marshall, manager of the Broadway Theatre, Capt. Creighton, accompanied by the Committee of the Common Council, attended the performance at that popular place of amusement, where a private box had been fitted up for their reception.

New York Daily Times, Jan. 27, 1854.

Captain Creighton, the gallant commander, left the port at twelve o'clock yesterday, with the ship *Three Bells*, for Glasgow. As the ship passed down the bay, she was saluted by a discharge of artillery from Fort Columbus, at Governor's island.

New York Daily Times, Feb. 21, 1854.

IV.

INDENTURES OF APPRENTICESHIP.

Feb. 9th. 1694–5 to Jan. 29th. 1707–8.

CITTY OF N. YORKE:

INDENTURES OF APPRENTICESHIP.

begun February ye 19th 1694 and ends January ye 29th 1707.

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In Wittness whereof the Parties to these Present Indentures have Interchangeably Sett their hands

& Seals the Nineteenth day of February in the Sixth year of their Majesties Reign Annoq Dom. 1694

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Nicolas X Auger.
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Sealed & Delivered in the Presence of
Charles Lodwick, Mayor.
Will. Sharpas.

Entered the 21th. Feb. 1695.

This Indenture Wittnesseth that I Cornelius Hendricks now of y^e^ Citty of New York Labourer doe of my own proper & Voluntary Accord binde myselfe Apprentice & Servant unto John Peterson Molet for the terme & Space of five years viz^t^ from y^e^ fifteenth day of April next In the year of our Lord one thousand Six hundred Ninety and Six years untill the fifteenth day of April which will be in the year of our Lord one thousand Seaven hundred & one years to Serve the Said John Peterson Molet his Heirs Executors Administrators & Assigns faithfully truely and honestly Dureing the Space of five Yeares to his trade and mystery of [page 3] being A. Smith and that he shall not absent himselfe by Night or day from his said Masters Service without Leave but in all things faithfully and honestly Serve his said Master indureing the said Terme of years, within y^e^ Precincts of y^e^ Said Citty & County of New Yorke as a faithfull Apprentice ought to doe. In Consideration whereof the Said John Peterson Molet doth binde & oblige himselfe his Heirs Executors & Administrators to teach & Instruct the Said Cornelius Hendricks In the Art trade and Mystery of being a Smith within the Terme & Space of y^e^ years above Expressed & att the End & Expiration of y^e^ aforesaid Years to Give the Said Cornelius three pounds Currant Silver Money of New Yorke & two New Suits of apparell one for holy days & the other for working days and

also to furnish the Said Cornelius Dureing the time of his Apprenticeship with meate Drinke Clothing washing & Lodging as is Convenient and Suitable for an Apprentice to have.

In Testimony whereof both parties have hereunto Interchangeably putt their hands And Seals att New Yorke ye twentieth day of February & in ye Seaventh year of ye Reign of William the third over England &c. King & in the year of our Lord one thousand Six hundred Ninety and five years.

Cornelius his X marke Hendricks.

Signed Sealed & Delivered In the Presence of Will. Sharpas, David Vilant.

Citty of New Yorke. Memorandum that on the twentieth day of February 1695 personally Came before me William Merrett Esqre Mayor of ye Citty of New Yorke the within Named Cornelius Hendricks & acknowledged the within Indenture of Apprenticeship to be his Voluntary Act & Deed.

Will. Merrett.

Entered ye 23d. July, 1696.

This Indenture made ye twenty third day of July In y year of our Lord one thousand Six hundred & Ninety Six Between Bastian Congo a Free Negro man Aged twenty Seven years or thereabouts of the one parte & Abraham Kip & Jesse Kip both of the Citty of New Yorke Merchants of the other Parte Witnesseth [page 4] that the Said Bastian Congo for the Consideration of the Sum of Seaventeen Pounds fifteen Shilings of Currant Money of New Yorke to him In hand paid by the Said Abraham Kip and Jesse Kip

before y^e^ Ensealing & Delivery hereof the Receipt whereof he doth hereby acknowledge of his Own free and Voluntary Will hath put himselfe Apprentice unto the Said Abraham Kip & Jesse Kip their Heirs and Assigns and with them the Said Abraham Kip and Jesse Kip their Heirs or Assigns or some of them after the manner of an apprentice or Servant to Dwell and Serve from y^e^ Day of the Date hereof untill the Eighteenth day of June next Ensueing he the Said Bastian Congo being to Provide and furnish himselfe with Clothes and wearing Apparell Dureing the Said Terme. And In Case the Said Abraham & Jesse Kip (att the Request of the Said Bastian Congo Dureing the time of his Said apprenticeship) Shall Supply him with Money whereby to furnish him with Clothes or other Nessessaries for which he may have occasion that then the Said Bastian Congo doth Covenant and Agree to and with the Said Abraham Kip and Jesse Kip their Heirs and assigns that after the Expiration of the Terme abovesaid he the Said Bastian Congo after the manner of an Apprentice as aforesaid will Serve them the Said Abraham Kip and Jesse Kip their Heirs and Assigns att the Rate of thirty Shilings Permonth untill by his Said Servitude he Shall fully Satisfie & Content the Same, by all which Terme the Said Servitude and Apprenticeship the Said Bastian Congo well and truely Shall Serve the Commandmants of his Said Masters Lawfull and honest Everywhere he [page 5] Shall gladly doe hurte to his Said Masters he Shall not doe or Suffer to be done, Neither Shall he Purloyn waste or Destroy their goods or them to Any body lend Nor att any time absent himselfe from their Said Service but in all things as a good & faithfull Apprentice & Servant Shall bear & behave himselfe towards his Said Masters and all theirs. Dureing the Terme Aforesaid They the Said Abraham Kip and Jesse Kip finding to their Said Apprentice meate Drinke and Lodging Dureing his S^d^ Servitude.

In Wittness whereof the Parties to these Present

Indentures Have Interchangeably Sett their hands & Seals the day and year first Above written.

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Bastian X Congo.
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Sealed & Delivered In the Presence of
Johannes Vonderheul.
Will. Sharpas.

Citty of New Yorke July 24th 1696. Then Personally Came before me Brandt Schuyler Esqre one of his Majesties Justices of the Peace of the Said Citty the within Named Bastian Congo & Acknowledged the within Indenture to be his Voluntary Act and Deed.

Brandt Schuyler.

Citty New Yorke.

This Indenture Wittnesseth that Elizabeth Morris Now att Present of ye Citty of New Yorke Spinster as well for And In Consideration of her Passage on board the Barquentine Called the Antegua (Capt William Kidd late Owner) in the late Voyage from the Kingdom of England to this porte of New Yorke as also for other good Causes and Considerations her thereunto Moveing Hath and by these Presents doth binde her selfe A Servant unto the Said Capt William Kidd and to live with him after the manner of a Servant and with his Executors Administrators or Assigns for and [page 6] Dureing the full Terme and Space of four years to Commence from the fourteenth day of July last past being the day of her Arrival here from the Kingdom of England In the Aforesaid Barquentine And the Said Elizabeth doth hereby Promise and oblige her selfe Dureing the said Terme faithfully Carefully and honestly to Serve the Said William Kidd his Executors Administrators or Assigns as a good and honest Servant ought to doe. And dureing which Said time the Said William Kidd doth hereby binde and Oblige himselfe his Executors Administrators and as-

signs to finde and Provide for her the Said Elizabeth Nessessary and Competent meat Drinke washing lodging and apparell and Imploy her In honest and Convenient Labour Dureing the S^{d} Terme and att the Expiration thereof Shall give unto her Double apparell

In Wittness whereof the S^{d} Parties have hereunto Interchangeably Sett their hands & Seals att New Yorke this Nineteenth day of August In the year of our Lord one thousand Six hundred & Ninety Six Annoq. RRe Will tertii Nonc. Angl. &c., octavo.

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Elizabeth X Morris.
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Sealed and Delivered in the Presence of.
Will. Merrett, Mayor.
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[page 7] Recorded for James Mills

Indenture of James Dyre (Son of Major William Dyre, Gent, Deceased) with Express Consent of William Dyre, his eldest brother, to James Mills, Merchant, from date hereof, for seven years.

Signed in presence of John Clapp, Aug. Graham

October 22d. 1696. Acknowledged before Will. Merrett, Mayor.

[page 8] Indenture of Richard Bedford, aged 18, to John Trevett, Marriner, for four years from date hereof.

Signed in presence of Geo. Rescarrich, Will. Sharpas. October 24th. 1696. Acknowledged before Robert Darkins, Justice of y^{e} Peace.

[page 9] Recorded for William Bickley Jun^{r}, The thirtieth day of October, Anno. Dom. 1696.

"This Indenture Wittnesseth that Robert Tomson

Aged fifteen years or thereabouts hath bound himselfe by Indenture to Serve Ellis Lightwood late of New Yorke Gen^t & his Heirs & Assigns After y^e manner of A Servant for the Space & Terme of Eight years, And Whereas the Said Ellis Lightwood did Committ ye Said Robert Tomson to the Care of Edward Courte of New Yorke Aforesaid Vintner to Dispose of as he Shall See Convenient Now Know Yee that the Said Robert Tomson for and in Consideration of the Sum of Pounds Currant Money of New Yorke aforesaid to him the said Edward Courte in hand paid att & before y^e Ensealing & Delivery of these Presents by William Bickley of New Yorke Aforesaid Cordwainer or Ropemaker of his own free and Voluntary will hath put himselfe Apprentice unto the Said William Bickley and the Said Science or Trade of a Cordwainer or Ropemaker which he the Said William Bickley now Useth to be taught," etc—for seven years from date hereof.

Signed in presence of John Bosford,
Will. Sharpas,

September 26th, 1696.
Ackowledged before
Will. Merrett.

[page 11] Recorded for Mr. Nathaniel Marston.

Indenture of Ambrose Upton, with Consent of his Mother, Margaret Langly, to Nathaniell Marston, as an Apprentice (Occupation not given) for 8 years from date (January 12th, 1697.)

Signed in Presence of Robert Skelton, Gustavus Horne.

[page 12] Recorded for Daniell Mersereau, y^e 10th. day of July, 1697.

Indenture of Stephen Susso, son of Gabriell Susso,

with consent of his father, to Daniell Mersereau, Taylor, for Seven years from date.

Signed July 9th. 1697. Stephen his X marke Sussoo, Gabriell his X marke Sussoo.

In presence of Jno. Basford, Peter Gernais.

Bound before William Merrett Esq^re^ Mayor &c.

Marginal Note.—1697, October 21th this day the said Daniel Mercerau & Stephen Susso Came into the office & desired this Indenture of Apprenticeship & Every Article therein Contained to be Cancelled & made Null & Voide.

Will. Sharpas, Clerk.

Note.—This indenture provides that the master shall, in addition to other matters, cause the apprentice to be instructed in "Reading and writing if the Same Shall be obtained in the Terme of Two Years."

Recorded for Nathaniel Marston, ye 24th. day of August, 1697.

[page 13] This Indenture Wittnesseth that Nathaniel Lynus by and with the Consent of his Parents hath put himselfe and by these Presents doth Voluntarily and of his own free will and Accord put himselfe Apprentice to Nathaniel Marston of New Yorke Barber to learn his Art Trade or Mystery and after the manner of An Apprentice to Serve from y^e^ Date hereof till the full Terme of Seaven Years be Compleat and Ended During all which Terme the Said Apprentice his Said Master Nathaniel Marston and Mistriss Margarett Marston faithfully Shall Serve his Secretts keep his Lawfull Commands Gladly Everywhere obey he Shall do no

Damage to his Said Master Nor See it to be done by others without letting or Giving Notice thereof to his Said Master he Shall not waste his Said Masters goods nor lend them Unlawfully to Any he Shall not Committ Fornication Nor Contract Matrimony within the Said Terme; Att Cards Dice or any other unlawfull Game he shall not play whereby his Said Master may have Damage with his own goods Nor the Goods of others During the Said Terme without Lycense from his Said Master he Shall Neither buy nor Sell he Shall not absent himselfe Day nor Night from his Masters Service without his Leave. Nor haunt Ale houses Taverns or Playhouses but in all things as a faithfull Apprentice he shall behave himselfe towards his Said Master and all his During the Said Terme. And the said Master his Said Apprentice in the Same Art which he Useth by the best means that he Can Shall teach or Cause to be taught and Instructed finding unto him meat Drinke, Apparell Lodging and washing fitting for an Apprentice During the Said Terme. And for the true Performance of all and Every of the Said Covenants and Agreements Either of the Said Parties binde themselves unto the other.

In Wittness whereof they have Interchangeably put their hands and Seals this Nineteenth day of August in the Ninth Year of the Reign of our Soveraign Lord William the third by the Grace of God King of England Scotland France and Ireland &c: Annoq Dom. 1697.

Nathaniel Lynus

Signed Sealed and Delivered in the Presence of us

William White,
the marke of x Damascus White,
Jno. Basford.

The above Named Nathaniel Lynus was bound before me the Day and Year last Abovesaid.

[page 15] Recorded for Peter Newkirke, the 16th. day of October, Anno. Dom. 1697.

Indenture of Helie Cocq to Peter Newkirke, Saylemaker, for seven years from date.

Signed in presence of, Thomas Burroughs, D. Pontreau.

September 23d. 1697. Acknowledged before Robert Darkins, Justice of the Peace.

[page 16] Recorded for Robert Skelton, Taylor, the 18th. day of November, 1697.

Indenture of Richard Rey, son of John Rey, with consent of Gustavus Horne, his father in law, to Robert Skelton, Taylor, for six years from date.

Signed, December 4th, 1696. Richard Ray

In presence of Robert Hawkins, Gustavus Horne, Wm Huddleston.

Acknowledged, November 18th, 1697. before
Will. Merrett, Mayor.

[page 17] Recorded for Anthony Farmer, the 9th. day of December. 1697.

This Indenture Wittnesseth that Walter Hopper Aged thirteen Years or thereabouts by & with the Consent of John Edmiston Commander of the Priche Elizabeth of Barwick upon Tweed Now Riding in the Harbour of New Yorke to whose Charge he was by his Parents Committed hath for and in Consideration of the Sum of thirteen pounds Curr^{t} Money of New York to him the said John Edmiston in hand paid att and before the Ensealing and Delivery of these Presents by Daniell Plowman Commander of the Sloop Ann now Riding in the Harbour aforesaid as well as of his own free and Voluntary will put himselfe Apprentice unto

the said Daniell Plowman, etc. "the said Apprentice or Servant" to serve for seven years from date.

Signed, May 19th, 1693. Walter Hoper, John Edmeston.

In the presence of Matthew Plowman, Will. Sharpas.

New Yorke ye 22d. of May, 1693.

Memorandum. then Appeared before me Abraham D: Peyster Esq^r Mayor of the Citty of New Yorke the above written John Edmeston and Walter Hopper and Acknowledged the Above written Indenture to be their Voluntary Act and Deed to the use Above Mentioned.

A: D: Peyster, Mayor.

I underwritten doe Acknowledge to have made Over a boy by Name Walter Hooper Unto Mr. Anthony Farmer for y^e Sum of thirteen pound in hand Received as Witness my hand this twenty sixth day of May one thousand Six hundred Ninety three.

Dan: Plowman.

Witness Math. Plowman, Tho^s Coker.

[page 19] Recorded for Mr. Cornelius Viele, y^e 12th. day of August, Anno. Dom. 1698.

Indenture of Lewis Peeck, son of Jacob Peeck of Schanectade, yeoman, to Cornelius Viele, Chirurgeon, for four years from June 16th. 1698.

Dated June 16th. 1698. Signed in presence of Dausee Arkins, G. Bonnin.

Acknowledged August 9th. 1698, before Will. Merrett.

[page 21] Recorded for Capt. Robert Darkins, y^e 17th. day of August, Anno. 1698.

Indenture of Arnold Crooke, son of John Crooke,

Cooper, to Capt. Robert Darkins, Marriner, for four years from date, August 17th. 1698.

Signed in presence of, Jno. Crooke, John Sheappard, Jos. Cealis, John Rodman Jr.

Acknowledged before Will. Merrett, Mayor

[page 22] Recorded for Mr. Anthony Farmer, y^e^ 17th. day of December, Anno. Dom. 1698.

Indenture, dated May 15th. 1693, of Frances Champion, daughter of Frances Champion, with consent of Mother, to Anthony Farmer and Elizabeth Farmer, his wife, as an apprentice and servant, for nine years from date. Said Master and Mistress in addition to other Matters "to Instruct the said Frances to Reade and to teach and Instruct her in Spining, Sewing, Knitting or any other manner of housewifery" etc.

Signed in the presence of Frances Champion, Jno. Eldridge, Jno. Basford.

Acknowledged, December 17th. 1698, before
Jacobus V : Cortlandt, Esq^r^, Alderman.

[page 24] Recorded for Abraham Splinter, the third day of January, Anno. Dom. 1698.

Indenture of William Evans, aged 14 years, to Abraham Splinter, Cordwainor, Tanner and Currier, for five and a half years from date.

Signed in presence of [No Names entered.]
January 2d. 1698.

To which is added.

Memorandum that the said Abraham Splinter at the Expiration of the Above Apprenticeship is to finde and Provide to the Said William Evans two New Suits of Apparell one of Broad Cloath & one of Stuffer Searge Six Shirts Six Neckcloaths three paire of Stockings two

pair of Shoes & two hatts and to allow y^e^ Said Apprentice Convenient time to learn to write and Read and to Cypher as far as the Rule of three

William Evens.

Jacobus Van Cortlandt, Alderman, Will. Sharpas.

[page 25] Recorded for Mr. Rip Van Dam, the twenty Ninth day of April, Anno. 1699.

Indenture of John Reade, son of Lawrence Reade, Merchant, with consent of his father to Rip Van Dam, Merchant, for seven years from March 25th. 1699. Contains the usual provisions with the following added :

"And the Said Rip Van Dam doth Covenant promise and Agree to and with the Said John Reade that Dureing the last Year of the above Mentioned Apprenticeship the Said Rip Van Dam Shall Occupy & Imploy the Said Apprentice in business and Matters of Merchandize in parts beyond the Seas and att the Expiration of the Said Apprenticeship Shall pay or Cause to be [paid] unto his Said Apprentice the Sum of twenty five pounds Currant Money of New Yorke in Consideration of his Said Service. And it is further Covenanted between y^e^ parties Aforesaid that in Case itt Should Soe happen that y^e^ Said Rip Van Dam Should dye Dureing the Said Apprenticeship the Said Apprentice is to Serve & Assist the Widow of the Said Rip Van Dam for y^e^ Terme of Six Months after the Decease of the Said Rip Van Dam in the Said Art, Trade or Mystery of Merchandize (Provided his Apprenticeship in all exceed not the Terme of Seaven Years) And then these Indentures to be Utterly Voide & of None Effect Any thing before Mentioned to y^e^ Contrary Notwithstanding."

Signed, April 29th. 1699, John Reade, Lawrence Reade.

In the presence of Will. Morris, Tho: Howarden, Will. Sharpas.

Mem that y^e^ day & Year last within written the within Named John Reade personally Appeared before me Thomas Wenham Esq^re^ one of the Aldermen of the Citty of New Yorke & Acknowledged y^e^ within written Indenture to be his Voluntary Act & Deed & also att the Same time the within Named Lawrence Reade Acknowledged y^t^ he Did the Same with his Consent & Good Liking.

Tho : Wenham.

[page 28] Recorded for William Bickley, y^e^ 17th. day of July, Anno. Dom. 1699.

Indenture of Thomas Lance, with Consent of his mother, to William Bickley, Sen^r^, Shop keeper, and Susannah, his wife, for five years from date, with the usual conditions, and

"Itt is further agreed unto by and between the S^d^ parties that in Case of the Decease of the S^d^ William Bickley within the time Above Limited the S^d^ William Bickley Shall Assign and make Over the Reversion of his time on the S^d^ Lance unto no Other man but unto his Son Abraham Bickley."

Signed May 22d. 1699, in the presence of John Rodman, John Dewilde, William Bickley Junr.

Acknowledged May 23d. 1699, before Steven V: Cortlandt, Justice of the Supreme Court.

[page 29] Recorded for Robt. Mason, July 17th. 1699.

Indenture of John Macgregory, aged 12 years with consent of his relations, to Robert Mason, Cordwainer, for seven years from date.

Signed May 6th. 1699, in the presence of. Jacob Swan, Will Sharpas.

Acknowledged same day by John Macgregory and by his sister Katherine Evans, his nearest relation to be by her Consent, before J. V : Cortlandt.

To which is added, Mem. that the Said Robert Mason Shall teach the S^{d} apprentice to Read and write.

[page 31] Recorded for Capt. Peter Matthews, the 17th. day of July, Anno. Dom. 1699.

Indenture of Sarah Baker, Daughter of Marietta Damean, a free Indian Woman, with the Consent of her Mother, to Capt. Peter Matthews Gent, & Bridgett, his wife, as a Servant for seven years from date, with usual covenants.

"And also shall teach or Cause to be taught & Instructed the Said Apprentice to Read the English tongue and to worke plain worke And att the Expiration of. the S^{d} Terme to Give and Supply to their Said Apprentice two good Suits of Apparell. Provided allways that the Said Apprentice Shall not be Obliged to her Apprenticeship or any parte thereof out of the Province of New Yorke without the Consent of her S^{d} Mother. Any thing Above Mentioned to the Contrary Notwithstanding.

Signed &c. May 5th. 1699.

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Sarah X Baker
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Marietta X Damean
marke

In the presence of K. V. Renslaer, Will Sharpas.

Acknowledged before Jacobus V: Cortlandt Esq^{r}, Alderman.

[page 33] Recorded for James Spence, Marriner, the 4th. day of December, Anno. 1699.

Indenture of William Willson, son of Ann Boing to James Spencer, Marriner, for 8 years from November 20th. 1699, with usual conditions. Also that the Mas-

ter "Att the Expiration of the S^d^ Terme Shall Give or Cause to be Given unto his Said Apprentice two New Suits of Apparell both of Lining & wooling & One Quadrant and Calendar & Forestaff and Epitome."

Signed November 20th. 1699, in the presence of Thomas Carroll, Tho. Adams.

Acknowledged by Willson, and consented to by his mother, November 24th. 1699, before J. V. Cortlandt.

[page 34] Recorded for Mr. Jacob Dekey, the 4th. day of December, 1699.

Indenture of Richard Buckmaster, aged 14 years, with consent of his parents, to Jacob Dekey, Baker and Bolter, for six years from date. Usual form.

Signed September 7th. 1699. by Richard Buckmaster, Elizabeth Buckmaster.

In the presence of Rich^d^ Willett, Will. Sharpas.

Acknowledged before J. V. Cortlandt.

[page 36] Recorded for Joseph Latham & Jane his wife, y^e^ 4th. December Anno. Dom. 1699.

Indenture of Hannah Buckmaster, aged 12 years, with the consent of her Mother, to Joseph Latham, Shipwright, and Jane, his wife, Seamstriss and Manto Maker, for five years from date, Said Hannah to be taught "to make Mantos, Pettycoats, Sew and marke plain worke" etc, With usual Conditions and proviso that in case of the death of Jane Latham these Indentures shall be void.

Signed October 9th. 1699, by Hannah Buckmaster, Eliz^th^ Baldrydg.

In the presence of, Elizabeth Farmer, Will. Sharpas.

Acknowled before J. V. Cortlandt.

[page 38] Recorded for Peter White, y^e^ 4th. day of December, Anno. Dom. 1699.

Indenture of Mary Buckmaster, aged 13 years, with the Consent of her Mother, to Peter White, Joyner, and Catherine, his wife, Taylor woman, for four years from date, With usual conditions and proviso that in case of the death of Catherine White these Indentures shall be null and void.

Signed October 9th. 1699, by Mary Buckmaster, Eliz^th^ Baldrydg.

In the presence of, Adam Baldrydg, Margrette Duncan.

Acknowledged before J. V. Cortlandt.

[page 39] Recorded y^e^ 4th. of December, 1699, for Peter White.

This Indenture made ye Ninth day of January 1699, Between Peter White, of New Yorke Joyner, of the One parte and Susannah Hochins, of Cove Neck in the Bounds of Hempstead, on the Island of Nassau, on the Other parte Witnesseth Viz^t^. that the Said Susannah Hochins, doth by these presents put and binde her Son Thomas Hochins, now of the age of thirteen Years and a halfe, An Apprentice to the Aforesaid Peter White his Heirs or Assigns," etc. for Seven and a half years from date, with usual Covenants, also that the Master shall teach Thomas to write and read English and shall on the Expiration of the Apprenticeship give him "two Suits of Apparell & a Sett of Tools.

Signed. by Tho. Hutchins, Susannah Hutchins, P. White.

In the presence of Tho. Hicks, Isack Hicks, Mary Hicks.

Acknowledged October 24th. 1699, before Brandt Schuyler.

[page 41] Recorded for Mr Dirck Vanderburgh, Bricklayer.

Indenture of Michael Jaenson, son of John Mynderson, late of the Citty of New Yorke, to Dirck Vanderburgh, bricklayer for 4 years from January 1st. 1695, with the consent of his Overseers. Usual form.

Signed January 4th. 1695. Michael Jaenson.

In the presence of. John Markeneer, Phillip Schuyler, Daniel Butts.

To which is added the following:

"New Yorke first day of March $\frac{1699}{1700}$

Then appeared before me Brandt Schuyler Esq^{r}, Alderman of the citty of New Yorke, the within partyes Dirck Vanderburgh of Same place bricklayer, and Michael Jaenson his apprentice, and the S^{d} Dirck did acknowledg and confesse that the S^{d} Michael had well truly and faithfully Served the complete time of apprentiship with him lett him be registred.

Brandt Schuyler.

[page 42] Recorded for Cornelius Viele, y^{e} 19th. day of March Anno. Dom. $\frac{1699}{1700}$

Indenture of Gerrett Strudle alias Tompson, son of Gabriel Strudle alias Tompson, Inholder, with the consent of his father, to Cornelis, Viele Chirurgeon, for five years from date hereof. In usual form except that the Master is only bound to feed and lodge the apprentice and teach him his trade.

Signed, March 17th. 1699. Gerrett Striddle.

In the presence of. Gabriel Tamson, Wm. Huddleston.

"Att a Courte of Record held att the Citty Hall of y^{e} Said Citty on Tuesday the 19th. day of March $\frac{1699}{1700}$ The Within Indenture was Acknowledged in Open

Courte by the within Named Gerrett Striddells, as his Voluntary Act and Deed. D. Provoost, Mayor.

[page 44] Recorded for William Bickley, the 25th. day of March, 1700.

Indenture of Thomas Richardson, with the consent of his late Master Roger Baker, to William Bickley, Shop keeper and Susannah his wife, their Heirs, Executors, etc, for five years from date, with usual conditions, and further agreed that the said Thomas shall be employed "in the works of Husbandry On a Farme and in Any Other Affairs that they or Either of them Shall think fitting to Imploy him about or their Occasions Shall at Any time Require" etc.

Signed, March 19th. 1700, by Thomas Richardson.

In the presence of George Davison, Thomas Dyer, Henry Coleman.

Acknowledged before Stephen Van Cortlandt, Justice of the Supreme Court.

[page 46] Recorded for Edward Burling, the first day of June, Anno. Dom. 1700.

Indenture of Thomas Sutton, aged 18 years, to Edward Burling, Carpenter, for three years from date, with usual conditions "And att y^e^ Expiration of the Terme Shall Give to his Said Apprentice a good Sett of Carpenters Tools & Shall learn him to write Read & Cypher."

Signed May 24th. 1700, Thomas Suton.

In the presence of Jeremiah Tothill, Ebenezer Willson.

Acknowledged before D. Provoost, Mayor.

[page 47] Recorded for William Jackson, the 5th. day of July, Anno. Dom. 1700.

This Indenture made the first day of October in the Year of Our Lord One thousand Six hundred & Ninety Eight Between William Jackson of the Citty of New

York Cordwainer on the One parte and John Dunlop of the Same Citty on the Other parte. Witnesseth that the Said John Dunlop of his Own Voluntary Will and Consent hath put and bounde himselfe an Apprentice to the Said William Jackson and Hannah his wife their Heirs Executors Administrators or Assigns from the day of the Date hereof the Space of five Years fully to be Compleated and Ended During which Terme and time the Said John Dunlop his Said Master and Mistriss well and faithfully Shall Serve their Secrets Shall keep their Commands Lawfull and honest Every where Shall Readily and Cheerfully Obey he Shall not waste or Imbezle the goods of his Said Master nor lend them to Any [one] without leave, from his Said Master, he Shall not Absent himselfe from his Masters Service by day or Night without leave Askt & Granted from his Said Master but as a faithfull Apprentice Shall he behave himselfe towards his Said Master and Mistriss and the Said William Jackson his Master Shall teach and Instruct or Cause to be taught and Instructed his Said Apprentice in the best Method he Can in the Art or Trade which he professeth finding his Said Apprentice meat Drinke Washing and lodging and Cloathing fitt for an Apprentice and likewise his winters Schooling And Upon his faithfull Service And att the Expiration of his time Shall Receive two Suits of Cloathing One Suite to worke in the Other for Sundays.

In Witness whereof the Said Parties have Interchangeably sett their hands & Seals this first October Anno. Domini. 1698. John Dunlap.

Signed Sealed Delivered in the presence of
Robert Masson,
Nathaniell Haire.

New York June y^e^ 24th. 1700. Acknowledged before me D. Provoost, Mayor.

[page 48] Recorded for Mr. Peter King, the 23d. day of August, Anno. Dom. 1700.

This indenture made y^e^ tenth day of July In y^e^ twelfth

Year of the Reign of our Soveraign Lord William King of England &c: Annog: Dom. 1700 Between Ann Indian Woman & Tom Indian Boy of the one parte and Peter King of the Citty and County of New Yorke Inholder of the Other parte. Witnesseth that the said Ann Indian Woman And Tom Indian Boy & her Son of her and his free Will | and | Accord before David Provoost Esq^re^ Mayor of the Citty of New Yorke hath by these presents put and binde themselves Servants to the said Peter King and Elizabeth his wife to Serve them or their Assigns for the Space of Seaven Years Next Ensueing the Date hereof She the Said Ann Indian Woman And the Said Tom Indian Boy for the Space of twenty one Years Next Ensueing the Date hereof fully to be Compleat & Ended by each of them for their Terme of Seaven Years and twenty One in all which Terme their Said Master and Mistriss & all his faithfully Shall Serve in all Such Lawfull Imploy and Service as from time to time During the Said Terme their Said Master and Mistriss Shall Sett them about According to the Laws and Customs of this Province. All the Children that Shall be borne of the body of his Said Servant Ann During y^e^ Said Terme Shall Serve the Terme of twenty one years unto the Said Peter King his Heirs and Assigns well and truely Shall Serve And the Said Master or his Assigns During the Said Terme, Shall finde and Provide Unto the Said Servant Sufficient Meat Drinke Apparell & Lodging fitting for Such Servants and for y^e^ true performance of all and Every the Said Covenants and Agreements Either of the Said parties binde themselves Unto the Other by these presents, In Witness whereof they have Interchangeably put their hands & Seals the day and Year first Above written &c:

the + Marke of An Indian Woman.
the □ Marke of Thom the Son of the Abovesaid woman.

Signed Sealed & Delivered in the presence of Joseph Bueno, Tho: Adams.

New Yorke July y^e^ 10th. 1700, then appeared before me David Provoost Esq^re^, Mayor for the Citty & County of New Yorke, the within Named & bounden Ann Indian woman & Acknowledge this within Instrument to be her Voluntary Act & Deed and to Serve the within named Peter King or his Assigns for y^e^ Space of Seaven Years from the day & the Date hereof also Thom her Son to Serve the Said King in Manner and forme as abovesaid for Space of twenty and one Years & then to be Sett att his Liberty &c.

D. Provoost, Mayor.

[page 49] Recorded for Mr. John Ellison the fourth day of September Anno Dom. 1700.

Indenture of Edward Attrell Son of Edward Attrell, Cutler, to John Ellison, Joyner, for twelve years and five months from date. Usual form.

Signed July 9th. 1692 by Edward Atrell.

In the presence of William Williams, John Finey, Luycas Schouten.

Acknowledged September 4th. 1700. Brandt Schuyler, Alderman.

[page 51] Recorded for William Haywood the 14th. day of September Anno Dom. 1700.

Indenture, dated February 21st. 1695, of John Birch, Son of Thomas Birch, lately of the Island of St. Helena, deceased, with the consent of his mother, the wife of Israel Hayles, Corporal on the said Island of St. Helena, to William Haywood, Carpenter or Ship Right, of the Ship Katherine of New York, for 7 years from date. Usual form.

Signed by John Birch

In the presence of, James Rider, Jasper Ene, John Vernon Secret.

Acknowledged Sept. 14th. 1700, before Brandt Schuyler, Alderman.

[page 52] Recorded for Phillip Manton the 30th. day of Sep^{tr} 1700.

Indenture of John Horne, aged 14 years, son of Sarah Horne, Widdow, with consent of his mother, to Phillip Manton, Wheel Wright, for 6 years from date, Usual form, John Horne to be taught to "Read and Write perfectly the English Tongue."

Signed Sept. 30th. 1700, by John Horne.

In the presence of Brandt Schuyler, Alderman Will. Sharpas.

With following clause at end.

"Memorandum the Said Phillip Manton is to Give his Apprentice tools to worke with that are Nessessary att the Expiration of the Said Terme."

[page 54] Recorded for Robert Nisbett and William Penny the 16th. day of October 1700.

This Indenture Witnesseth that Richard Burch aged fifteen Years or thereabouts of his Own free and Voluntary Will as well as by and with the Consent of his Mother Margery Hails Now Resident within the Citty of New Yorke before me Jacobus V. Cortlandt Esq^{re} one of the Aldermen of the Said Citty hath put himselfe Apprentice Unto Robert Nisbett and William Penny of the Same place Taylors * * or the Survivor of them, etc for 7 years from August 12th. 1700. Usual conditions.

Signed August 26th. 1700, by Richard Burch,
Margery Hales.

In the presence of Robert Mason, Will Sharpas.

Acknowledged before J. V. Cortlandt.

[page 55] Recorded for William Haywood the twenty Seaventh day of Nov^{br} 1700.

Indenture of John Clarke, aged 17 years, with con-

sent of his mother, Dorothy Clarke, of Staten Island, Widdow, to William Haywood, Shipwright for four years from March 1st. 1701. Usual form.

Signed Nov. 26th. 1700 by John Clarke.

In the presence of Joseph Arrowsmith, Will Sharpas.

Acknowledged before Nicolaes Rosevelt, Justice.

[page 57] Recorded for William Bawler y^e^ 8th. day of January Anno Dom. 1700.

Indenture of Stephen Carter to William Bawler, Brewer, for four years from date. Usual conditions. The Master "also shall allow his Said Apprentice Eight pounds Currt Money of New Yorke for and towards Cloathing him Yearly During the Said Terme."

Signed Dec. 2^d^ 1700, by Stephen Carter.

In the presence of John Hutchins, Wm. Huddleston.

Acknowledged January 7th. 1700 before J. V. Cortlandt, Justice.

[page 58] Recorded for Mr. Richard Stoaks the 8th. day of January Anno Dom. 1700.

Indenture of Mary Moore, aged 11 years with consent of her father and mother as apprentice to Richard Stoaks and Margarett his wife, for four years from date. Usual form. Said apprentice to be taught "to Sew Plaine worke and Read the English Tongue."

Signed December 11th. 1700 by Mary Moore.

In the presence of John Moore, Will Sharpas.

Acknowledged before J. V. Cortlandt.

[page 59] Recorded for Richard Waldron the 23d. day of January Anno Dom 1700

Indenture of Thomas Norton, son of Thomas Norton, Deceased, with the consent of his friends, to Richard Waldron, Blockmaker and Turner, for four years from

January 20th. 1700. Usual conditions. Said apprentice to have one quarter of a year's Schooling.

Signed January 20th. 1700 by Thomas Norton.

In the presence of Will. Galt, Tho: Adams.

Acknowledged January 23d. 1700 before J. V. Cortlandt, Justice.

[page 61] Recorded for Mr. Daniell Latham Shipwright y^e^ 14th. day of February Anno Dom. 1700.

Indenture of James Walton, to Daniell Latham, Shipwright, for five years and eight months from date. Usual form. Apprentice to be instructed "in reading and writing a good hand."

Signed February 15th. 1700 by James Walton.

In the presence of William Walton, Richard Crego, Jno. Basford.

Acknowledged February 15th. 1700 before Jacobus V. Cortlandt, Alderman.

With proviso added that "the Said Master is to Give unto his Said apprentice one adds and One Axe one Maule and one Saw."

[page 62] Recorded for Peter Burger, the 17th. day of June Anno Dom. 1701.

This Indenture made in New Yorke the 11th. day of June 1701 Wittnesseth that I William Pemberton, father in Law of Jonah Thomasson, being ten years of age, have made him A Prentice unto Pieter Burger for the time of Eight Years beginning the first of May 1701 and Ending the first of May 1709 in which time the Said Master promiseth to Learn to his Prentice the Coopers Trade for as much the Said Jonas Shall be able to perceive and to Maintain the Said Jonas with Cloths Victualls Sewing washing and what he more Shall want and he Shall have Liberty to goe Six winters in the Night School that is to Say three Months in Every winter upon the Charge of his Master and att the Ex-

piration of the time above S[d] promiseth the Master to Give to Jonas a Sundays Cloth from head to foot above his dayly Cloths and four New Shirts four Neckcloths four handkerchiefs and Jonas Thomasse promiseth to Serve his Master as a good prentice in all Obedience and fidelity and to be Carefull to please him in all things which are Just and Lawfull

Don in Wittness of the truth the day Month and Year as Above and have Signed this with our hands and Sealed with our Seals.

This is the Marke of Wm. Pemberton, P.
Sett with his Own hand

Pieter Burger
his
Jonas X Thomas
marke

Sealed and Delivered in the presence of

A. D. Lanoy,
A. Keteltas.

Memorand. that on the 17th. day of June Anno Dom 1701 personally Came before me Isaac D: Riemer Esq[r] Mayor of the Citty of New Yorke the above Named Jonas Thomas & acknowledged the above Indenture to be his Voluntary Act and Deed and the above Named William Pemberton Declared he Consented to the Same.

I. D. Riemer,
Mayor.

[page 64] Recorded for James Many Marriner the fourth day of Sep[br] 1701.

Indenture of James Peat, son of Rene Peat, of East Jersey, Boateman, with the Consent of his father, to James Many, Marriner, for six years from date.

Usual conditions. Signed May 3d. 1701, by James Peat.

In the presence of Rene Peat, Augustus Grassett, Gousse Bonnin.

Acknowledged September 3d. 1701, before J. V. Cortlandt, Justice.

[page 65] Recorded for James Many Marriner the fourth day of September 1701

Indenture of John Pridmore of East Jersey to James Many, Marriner, for six years from date.

Usual conditions. Signed August 30th. 1701, by John Pridmore.

In the presence of John Faget, Augustus Grassett.

Acknowledged September 3d. 1701 before J. V. Cortlandt, Justice.

[page 66] Recorded for William Jackson the Eight day of September Anno Dom. 1701.

This Indenture Wittnesseth that Isaac Kip & Gerrett Viele Church Wardens and Overseers of the poor of the Citty of New Yorke by and with the Consent and Approbation of Isaac D: Riemer Esq^r^ Mayor of the Said Citty Have by these presents placed and bound John Reade A poor fatherless and Motherless Child aged Eight Years and a halfe or thereabouts unto William Jackson "Cordwainer, his Heirs, etc., "untill he the Said John Reade Shall Come to the full age of twenty years" etc.

Usual provisions. Also that the apprentice shall be taught "perfectly to Reade and write the English tongue."

Signed September 8th. 1701, by I. D: Riemer, Mayor, Isaack Kip, G. Viele.

In the presence of, G. Vaninborgh, Walt^r^ Thong.

[page 68] Recorded for Robert Nisbett the Eighth day of September Anno Dom. 1701.

Indenture [Same form as page 66] of William Reade a poor fatherless and motherless child, aged five years, by Isaac Kip and Gerrett Viele Church Wardens and Overseers of the Poor, with the consent of Isaac D. Riemer, Esq^r^, Mayor, to Robert Nisbett, Taylor, "untill he the Said William Reade Shall Come to the full age

of twenty one years According to the Statute in that Case made and Provided" etc.

Usual provisions. As in preceding indenture apprentice to be taught "perfectly to Reade and write the English tongue."

Signed September 8th. 1701 by I. D: Riemer, Mayor, Isaack Kip, G. Viele.

In the presence of G. Vaninborgh, Walt[r] Thong.

[page 70] Recorded for Mr. John Barberie the 10th. day of September Anno. 1701.

"This Indenture Wittnesseth that Oliver Schuyler Aged fifteen Years or thereabouts by & with the Consent & good liking of his father Brandt Schuyler of the Citty of New Yorke Merch[t] testifyed by his being A party hereto and by his Sealing & delivering of these presents before me Jacobus V. Cortlandt Esq[r] one of the aldermen of the Said Citty of New Yorke of his own ree and Voluntary will hath put himselfe Apprentice unto John Barbarie of New Yorke Aforesaid Merchant" for six years from date, etc. In usual form except that the Master is only required to furnish "meate and drinke Sufficient for an Apprentice for and during the Terme aforesaid." And a further condition is added, viz:

"And it is hereby Covenanted between the parties Abovesaid that the Said John Barbarie may att Such time as he Shall See Convenient during the Abovesaid Terme Occupy & Imploy the Said Apprentice in parts beyond the Seas or Elsewhere in Such business and Matters of Merchandize as he Shall think fitt and that the above Named Brandt Schuyler Shall furnish and provide for the Said Apprentice Sufficient Apparell Washing & Lodging during the Said Terme."

Signed September 17th. 1701, by Oliver Schuyler, Brandt Schuyler.

In the presence of J. V. Cortlandt, Alderman, Will. Sharpas.

[page 72] Recorded for Mr. Benjamin Faneuil the 2d. day of October Anno Dom. 1701

Indenture [Similar in form to page 70] of Phillip Schuyler, aged 14 years, with consent, etc, of his father Arent Schuyler before Jacobus V. Cortlandt, Alderman, to Benjamin Faneuil Merchant for 6 years from date. The Master to furnish "meate drinke washing and Lodging" with proviso that Apprentice may be employed "in parts beyond the Seas and Elsewhere" &c as in preceding Indenture, and that the father "Arent Schuyler Shall furnish and Provide for the Said Apprentice Sufficient Apparell of all Sorts during the Said Terme.

Signed October 2d. 1701 by Pheylepus Schuiler, A. Schuyler.

In the presence of J. V. Cortlandt, Alderman, Will. Sharpas

[page 74] Recorded for Francis Leconte the 15th day of October Anno Dom. 1701

Indenture of Andrew Mahan aged 14 years to Francis Leconte, Baker, for seven years from date.

Usual form. Signed November 12th, 1700. by Andrew Mehan.

In the presence of Charles Ashfield, Will. Sharpas, Fra. Aldin.

Acknowledged before J. V. Cortlandt, Alderman.

[page 75] Recorded for William Adderly the 17th. day of October Anno Dom 1701

Indenture of Benjamin Oldis aged 20 years with the consent of Simon Smith Chaplain to his Majesties Forces in the Province of New York to William Adderly for seven years from date.

In usual form with following provisions included.

"It is further agreed that this Indenture Shall be Void and of None Effect if the Said Master Shall Com-

mand or Imploy the Said Apprentice to Labour att or follow any other Imploy but the Trade or Mystery of a hatter, * * * And itt is agreed present after the End of Said Terme the Said Apprentice Shall make and deliver att his own Cost and Charges to his Said Master four good Beaver hatts"

There is no provision that the Master shall supply the apprentice with any clothing on the expiration of the apprenticeship.

Signed August 19th. 1696, by William Adderly, Benjamin Oldis.

In the presence of Mich Christian.

"Memorandum on y^e^ 21 Haerpart Jacobson"

Acknowledged Oct. 16th, 1701, before Thomas Noell, Mayor.

[page 77] Recorded for Peter Chaigneau the 22d. day of October 1701

Indenture of Piere Traviere with consent of his mother Marie, widow of Peter Traviere to Peter Chaigneau, Cooper, for four years from October 20th. 1701.

In usual form, except that there is no provision that the Master shall furnish clothing to the apprentice.

Signed October 21st. 1701, by Piere Taviere.

In the presence of Theodore LeRoy, Thomas Roberts.

Acknowledged Oct. 22d. 1701, before Tho: Noell, Mayor.

[page 79] Recorded for Mr. Jacob Ratier the 6th day of Nov^br^ Anno 1701

Indenture of John Moyne, son of Moses Le Moyne, deceased, with the consent of his mother, Jane Moyne, to Jacob Ratier Marriner, and his heirs, etc for 12 years from December 22d. 1701.

Usual form. Signed, November 4th, 1701, by John Moyne.

In the presence of Theodore Le Roy, John Masters.

[page 81] Recorded for Samuell Phillips, the 18th. day of November, Anno. Dom. 1701.

Indenture of John Holdron, son of William Holdron, of Harlem, deceased, with the consent of his brother, Henry Waldron, to Samuell Phillips, Blacksmith, for five years from date.

In usual form, except that the Master further agrees to allow the Apprentice "in the Evenings to goe to School Each Winter to the End he may be taught to write and Read."

Signed November 18th. 1701. by John Holdron.

In the presence of Henry Holdron, William Huddleston, Barent Marteling.

Acknowledged before Tho. Noell, Mayor.

[page 82] Recorded for William White, Jun^{r}, the 21st. day of November, 1701.

Indenture of Ephaim Pierson, son of Joseph Pierson, of Southampton, on Nassau Island, Youman, to William White, Jun^{r}, Feltmaker, for six years from November 20th. 1701.

Usual conditions except that the Apprentice shall also "be taught to write & learn Arithmetick.

Signed, November 20th. 1701. by Ephraim Pierson.

In the presence of J. Jansen, Tho. Adams.

Acknowledged Nov. 21st. 1701, before Tho. Nol Mayor.

[page 84] Recorded for Mr. Barne Cosens the 21st. November, Anno. Dom. 1701.

This Indenture made and Concluded on this Six and twentieth day of February Anno. Dom. 1699. And in the twelfth Year of the Reign of William the third King of England &c. Between John Stevens, Son of Richard Stevens, late of the Parish of St. Clements Deans in the County of Midd'x of the one part and John Cosans of the parish Aforesaid Gunmaker Act-

ing for and on behalfe of his Son Barna Cosans of the Citty and Province of New Yorke in America Gen^t^ of the Other parte. Wittnesseth that the Said John Stevens by and with the Consent of his parents Witnesses to these presents doth promise with the first Opportunity of Shiping to Transporte himselfe for New Yorke Aforesaid where being Arrived Shall during the Space of Seaven Years to be accounted from the date hereof the said Barna Cosans well faithfully & truely Serve, etc" in usual form.

"And the Said John Cosans on behalfe of the Said Barna Cosans doth Covenant and promise that he the Said Barna Cosans his said Apprentice in his Art and practice of A Lawyer or Attorney which he Now Useth Shall teach and Instruct," etc, in usual form.

Signed February 26th. 1699, by John Stevens.

In the presence of Sara Collingwood, Thomas Collingwood, Edmund Fuller, Jere. Jenkins.

Acknowledged July 24th. 1700, before D. Provoost, Mayor.

[page 86] Recorded for John Shepard, the third day of February 1701/2

Indenture of Ann Skreen, aged 10 years, a poor fatherless and motherless child, with the consent of Rachel Graham, widow, to whose care she was left by her parents, deceased, before Thomas Noell, Esq^re^ Mayor, to John Shepard, Cooper, and Mary, his wife, for 8 years from date.

In usual form. Said apprentice to be taught housewifery; also "to Read the English tongue."

Signed February 3d. 1701, by Ann Skreen.

In the presence of Tho. Noell, Mayor, Rachel Graham, Will. Sharpas.

[page 87] Recorded for Alderman Brandt Schuyler, the fifth day of February, Anno. Dom. 1701.

This Indenture Wittnesseth that John Packer Jun^r^ of the Citty of New Yorke Bricklayer for and in Con-

sideration of the Sum of twenty-five pounds Curr[t] Money of the Province of New Yorke to him in hand paid by Brandt Schuyler of the said Citty Merchant the Receipt whereof he doth hereby Acknowledge of his own free and Voluntary Will hath put and placed himselfe An Apprentice and Servant by these presents unto the Said Brandt Schuyler and his Assigns and as an Apprentice or Servant with him or them to dwell from the day of the date of these presents Untill the full Ende and Terme of two Years from thence Next Ensueing and fully to be Compleat and Ended by and during all which time and Terme the Said John Packer his Said Master or his Assigns well and faithfully Shall Serve in doing and performing all Such Bricklayers worke and any Other Lawfull business as the Said Brandt Schuyler or his Assigns Shall put him unto According to the best of his power knowledge & Ability and honestly and Obediently in all things Shall behave himselfe towards his Said Master or his Assigns during the said Terme. And the Said Brandt Schuyler hereby promiseth Covenanteth and Agreeth to finde and Provide for the Said Apprentice & Servant Meate Drinke Apparell washing and Lodging and all Other things meet and Convenient for an Apprentice & Servant for and During the Terme aforesaid. In Wittness whereof the parties to these Indentures have Interchangeably put their hands and Seals the fifth day of February in the thirteenth Year of the Reign of our Soveraign Lord King William the third Over England &c: Anno Dom One thousand Seaven hundred and one.

John Packer

Sealed & Delivered in the presence of Par. Parmyter, Edw. Antill. A. D: Riemer.

Memorandum that the day And Year last abovesaid the above Named John Packer Acknowledged this Indenture of Apprenticeship to be his Voluntary Act and Deed.

Coram me.

[page 89] Recorded for Mr Caleb Cooper, the 16th. day of February Anno. Dom. 1701/2

Indenture of Thomas Hutton, aged 15 years, with consent of his father in law Alexander Paxton, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Merchant, and of his mother, the wife of said Alexander Paxton, before Thomas Noell, Esq[re], Mayor, to Caleb Cooper, Merchant, for six years from date.

Usual conditions except that the Master shall furnish apparell during the last three years only of the Apprenticeship.

Signed February 16th. 1701, by Thomas Hooton.

In the presence of Thomas Noell, Mayor, Will. Sharpas.

[page 90] Recorded on the 28th. day of April, Anno. Dom. 1702.

Indenture of Jacob Coursen, son of John & Mettin[e] Coursen, with the consent of his parents, to William Bogaert, Turner, for six years from October 20th. 1701.

Usual form, "the father shall provide and pay for two winters Nights Scooling and his Said Master Shall Allow him two halfe winters Schooling."

Signed October 20th. 1701, by Jan Corssen Jacob.

"In the presence of us Mem A † dof met rawaoramyorak Hendrich Metslaer"

Acknowledged April 28th. 1702, before Tho. Noell, Mayor.

[page 92] Recorded for Mr. Michael Bassett, the 15th. day of May, Anno. Dom. 1702.

Indenture of Isaac Bedlow, son of Isaac Bedlow, deceased, to Michael Bassett, Marriner, for four years from May 13th. 1702.

Usual conditions. Signed May 13th, 1702, by Isaac Bedlow.

In the presence of Thomas Roberts, Theodore Le Roy.

Acknowledged May 14th. 1702, before Tho. Noell, Mayor.

[page 94] Recorded for Daniell Latham, Shipwright, the 29th. day of May, Anno. 1702.

Indenture of Charles Sharpe, aged 16 years, with the consent of his mother, before Thomas Noell, Esq^re^, Mayor, to Daniell Latham, Shipwright, for five and a half years from date.

Usual form. Said apprentice shall also be taught "to write a Legeable hand And to Cypher" and receive at the expiration of the term "one Ax one Ads A Saw And A Maul Such as Shipwrights Generally use."

Signed May 29th. 1701, by Charles Sharpe.

In the presence of Tho Noell, Mayor, Will Sharpas.

[page 96] Recorded for Maude, a Negro Woman, y^e^ 9th. day of July, Anno. Dom. 1702.

This Indenture Wittnesseth that Col° Lewis Morris of New York in America and Mary his wife for the Real Love kindness and Affection that they bear unto Ann the Daughter of Thomas Rudyard of New East Jersey of their Own Voluntary good Will doe give freely unto the Said Ann Rudyard the use & Service of One Negro maid Named Maude for and during the Space and Terme of Eighteen Years from the day of the Date hereof During all which time the Said Maude is faithfully to Serve the Said Ann Rudyard as her Mistriss in all things Obeying and performing her Just Commands to her utmost Endeavoer as becometh And the Said Ann Rudyard doth hereby Covenant & promise for her Selfe her Heirs Executors and Administrators att the Expiration of the Said Terme of Eighteen Years to give unto the Said

Maude three Suits of Apparell Either of Searge or Stuff with Lynen answerable and then to Sett her the Said Maude at Liberty giving her freedom from any and all manner of Service Whatsoever to goe and dwell where Shee the Said Maude Shall think fitt and in the mean time to find her with Sufficient Meat drinke lodging and Apparrell fitt for Such a Servant to have and in due manner to Chastize her According to desert.

In Wittness to all w^{ch} the parties Aforesaid to these presents have Interchangeably Sett their Hands and Seals the Eighth day of the third Month Caled May in the year one thousand Six hundred Eighty three

Ann Rudyard

Signed Sealed & Delivered in the presence of
Jo^{n} Lawrence Junio^{r},
John Pett,
Wm. Bickley.

[page 97] Recorded for John Crooke, the 27th. day of July Anno. Dom. 1702.

Indenture of Margarett Colly, daughter of James Colly, with the consent of her father, to John Crooke, Cooper, and Guartery, his wife for seven years from date.

Usual form. Apprentice "Shall be taught to read English with Such Other Needle worke and Other matters fitting for a good housewife of her ability."

Signed July 13th. 1702. Margarett Colly.

In the presence of Tho. Noell, Mayor.

[page 98] Recorded for John King, the 12th. day of November, Anno. Dom. 1702

Indenture of Thomas Quick, son of Derick Quick, deceased, with the consent of his brother in law

Henry Hews, and Helegant Dekey, his Aunt, to John King, Shipwright for seven years from November 1st. 1702.

Usual form. Apprentice "to be taught to read, write and Cypher" and at the expiration of the term to receive "One Axe one Addys one Maule one Saw one Chigell and one Mallett."

Signed November 2d. 1702, by Thomas Quick.

In the presence of W. Janewdy Theodore Le Roy.

Acknowledged before Phillip French, Sa: Ch: Broughton.

[page 100] Recorded for Mr. Augustus Lucas, the first day of February, Anno. Dom. 1702.

By This Indenture I doe Oblige and bind my Selfe of my Own free Will and Consent unto Mr. Augustus Lucus Merchant to his Heirs Executors Administrators or Assigns for the full time of five Years Next Ensueing during which I promise to Serve him his Heirs Executors Administrators or Assigns & to Obey him or they in all Lawfull things he or they Shall Comand me to give me meat Drinke and Lodging as also the Nessessary Cloaths for my wearing and att the End of my time to give me two New Coats two pair of Breeches two pair of Stockings one pair of Shoes and A hatt and twenty Shilings in Money this present made double in Bay de Verts y^e^ 17th. August 1700.

The Marke of (S) Daniel Solivan
Augustus Lucas

Witnesses
Elias Pallot,
Nicholas Thoume.

Memorandum that on the first day of february Anno. Dom. 1702, personally Came before me Phillip French Esq^r^, Mayor of the Citty of New Yorke, the above Named Daniell Solivan and acknowledged the above written Indenture to be his Voluntary Act and Deed.

Phillip French.

[page 100] Recorded for Rutgert Waldron, the 9th. day of March, Anno. Dom. 1702/3

Indenture of Matthys Flensburg, with the consent of his parents John and Margrieta Flensburg, to Rutgert Waldron, for ten years, from August 1st, 1702, to learn the trade of turning and blockmaking.

Usual conditions. Apprentice to receive at expiration of time "A Coat of Cloath at fifteen Shilings the yard and A bridge & A Jacket and a new hat Six Shirts of two Shilings Six pence the Yard New Shoes and Stockings Six Neckcloaths" Also to be "Instructed in the Art of writing and Arithmetick."

Signed August 15th. 1702. by Matthys Flensburg, Jan. Flensburg, Margarieta Flensburg.

In the presence of A D: Lanoy, Joost Leijnsen.

Acknowledged March 9th. 1702, before Phillip French, Mayor.

[page 102] Recorded for Thomas Roberts, y^e^ 9th. day of March, Anno. Dom. 1702/3.

Indenture of John Hays, son of Ric^d^ Hays, deceased with the consent of his friends and his Grand Mo^r^ to Thomas Roberts, Cooper, for six years from July 29th. 1701. Usual conditions. Signed June 12th, 1701, by John Hayes.

In the presence of Sarah Meales, Rob^t^ Parkinson.

Acknowledged, Feby 8th, 1702, before J. V. Cortlandt, Justice.

[page 104] Recorded for John David, Sayle Maker, the 13th. day of May, Anno. Dom. 1703.

Indenture of Alexandre de Bonrepos, of New Rochelle, Manor of Pelham, Westchester County with the consent of Elie de Bonrepos his father to, John David, Sail Maker, for six years and four Months from September 5th. 1701, to "Serve in all Such Service or Imployment as his Said Master * * * Shall have for

him to doe or Shall Sett him about from tyme to tyme" etc.

Usual form with this condition "And Whereas the S^d^ Elias de Bonrepos father his [*is*] not now in Capacity to find his Said Son of Aparel itt is Agreed the Said David Master Shall find all what will be wanting above what the Said father can do for which they have conclud [*concluded*] for the Same [*sum*] of four pounds Sterling Mony the which Sume [*sum*] the S^d^ Prentice Shall work for the payment after his tyme past or Shall go without."

Signed August 6th. 1701, at New Rochelle, by Allexandre de Bonrepos, Debonrepooz, John David.

In the presence of T. B. Dutufseau, D. Streing.

Acknowledged May 11th, 1703, before Phillip French, Mayor.

[page 105] Recorded for John Sheppard, the tenth day of June, Anno. Dom. 1703.

Indenture of Richard Thomas, aged 15 or 16 years with the consent of his Master, the Reverend Mr. William Veze, whose Covenant Servant he now is, to John Sheppard, Cooper, for four years from May 1st. 1703.

Usual form. Apprentice to be taught "to read & write perfectly the English Tongue."

Signed June 9th. 1703 by Richard Thomas.

In the presence of. Phillip French, Will. Anderson.

[page 107] Recorded for Johannes Hannien, y^e^ 13th. day of August, Anno. Dom. 1703.

Indenture of Isaac Blanke to Johannes Hannien (trade not stated) as apprentice for four years and eight months from August 12th. 1703.

Usual conditions with additional clause that "Moreover the Said Master does bind himselfe after the Said

time is out to give the Said Apprentice three hundred bowles."

Signed August 12th. 1703. by Johannes Hennion, Isaac Blanke.

In the presence of Ed. Fitz Gerald, F: De Fenne, Furd Back.

Acknowledged August 13th. 1703, before Jacobus V. Cortlandt, Esq[re], Alderman.

With following clause at end, "the Said Apprentice three Months after Christmas to goe to the Night Schools every year."

[page 109] Recorded for William Haywood, the 21st day of September, Anno. Dom. 1703.

Indenture of Edward Garnum, aged 10 years, with the consent of Allin Jarrat, Marriner, to whose care he was committed by his parents, before Jacobus V. Cortlandt, Esq[r] Alderman, to William Haywood, Shipwright, for eleven years from date.

Usual form. Signed September 21st, 1703, by Edward Garnum.

In the presence of J. V. Cortlandt, Alderman, Will. Sharpas.

[page 110] Recorded for William Echt, the 18th. day of January, Anno. Dom. 1703.

Indenture of Hugh Norton, with the consent of his mother, Rebeckah Adams, to William Echt, Shoemaker, for seven and a half years from December 15th. 1699.

Usual conditions and that the Apprentice shall be taught "to read and write English in the Aforesaid Tongue"

Signed December 15th. 1699, by Hugh Norton.

In the presence of Wm. Robinson, Tho. Adams.

Acknowledged the day of 1700, before David Proost, Esq[r] Mayor.

[page 112] Recorded for Francis Vandike, the 18th. day of January, Anno. Dom. 1703.

Indenture of John Powelson, with the Consent of his mother, Hannah Powelson, widdow, to Francis Vandike, Gunsmith, for five years from date.

Usual form. Apprentice to be taught to read and write. Signed December 2d. 1700. by John Powles, Anna Poulase.

In the presence of J. D. Peyster, D Provoost Junr.

Acknowledged Feb. 17th. 1700, before J. D: Riemer, Mayor.

[page 113] Recorded for Francis Vandike, the 10th. day of January, Anno. Dom. 1703.

Indenture of Garrat Hossen, son of Benhadas Hossen, deceased, to Francis Vandike, Gunsmith, for five years from August 1st. 1701.

Usual form. Apprentice to be taught to read and write. Signed July 29th. 1701, by Gerrett Hossen.

In the presence of Jacob Hossen, Will. Sharpas.

Acknowledged, same date, before Marten Clocke.

[page 114] Recorded for John Cazall, the 15th. day of March, Anno. Dom. 1703.

Indenture of Cornelius Bedloe, aged 15 years, with the consent of his relations, to John Cazal, Barber, and Perriwig maker, for five years from February 15th. 1703.

Usual form. Signed February 15th. 1703, by Cornelius Bedloe.

In the presence of. Jeremiah Tothill, Alderman. Will. Sharpas.

[page 116] Recorded for Thomas Roberts, Cooper, the tenth day of January, Anno. Dom. 1704.

Indenture of Matthew Gleave, aged 12 years, with the consent of his mother, Hester Gleave, widow,

to Thomas Roberts, Cooper, for seven years from date.

Usual form. Signed January 10th. 1704. by Matthew Gleave.

In the presence of. Jeremiah Tothill, Alderman, Will. Sharpas.

Acknowledged before Jeremiah Tothill, Alderman.

[page 117] Recorded for Nathaniell Marston, the 6th. day of March, Anno. Dom. 1704.

Indenture of John Magrigory, with the consent of his mother and sister, to Nathaniell Marston, Barber, for four years from March 1st. 1704.

Usual form. Signed March 1st. 1704. by John Mackgregar.

In the presence of Christo: Dunne, John Sheppard.

Acknowledged, March 5th. 1704, before Robert Lurting, Justice of the Peace.

[page 119] Recorded for Mr. Hendrick Van Bael, the twenty sixth day of May, Anno. Dom. 1705

This Indenture Wittnesseth that Phillip Lyon Aged fourteen years or thereabouts being fatherless and motherless of his own free and Voluntary Will hath placed and by these presents doth put bind and place himself A Servant and apprentice unto Hendrick Van Bael of the City of New York Merch^{t} and as a Servant and Apprentice with him the Said Hendrick Van Bael to dwell from the day of the date of these presents untill the full end and Term of Seaven Years from thence Next Ensueing & fully to be Compleat and Ended during which time and Term the Said Phillip Lyon Shall the Said Hendrick Van Bael his Master well and faithfully Serve in all Such Lawfull business as the Said Phillip Lyon Shall be put unto According to his power With Ability and honesty & Obediently in all

things Shall behave himself towards the Said Hendrick Van Bael during the Term aforesaid. And the Said Hendrick Van Bael for his part Covenanteth promiseth and agreeth that he the Said Hendrick Van Bael Shall teach and Instruct or Cause to be taught and Instructed his Said Servant and Apprentice to read and write the English Tongue and Shall find and allow unto his Said Servant and Apprentice Sufficient Apparrell meat drinke washing and lodging and all other Nessessary's meet and Convenient for Such a Servant during the Terme aforesaid. In Wittness whereof the partys to these Indentures have interchangeably put their hands and Seals the twenty Sixth day of May in the fourth year of the Reign of our Soveraign Lady Queen Anne over England &c. Annogz. Dom. 1705 and the Said Hendrick Van Bael att the Expiration of the Said Term Shall give to the Said Apprentice two New Suits of Apparell one for Sundays and one for working days.

Phillip Lyon.

Sealed & Delivered in the presence of Wm Peartree, Mayor.

Will. Sharpas, Clerk

[page 120] Recorded for Rutgert Waldron, the fifth day of June, Anno. Dom. 1705.

Indenture of John Bargeau, son of James Bargeau, Shipwright, to Rutgert Waldron, Blockmaker, for seven years from May 1st. 1705.

Usual form. Signed May 1st. 1705, by Joan Bargeau.

In the presence of Hannah Adams, Tho: Adams.

Acknowledged, June 5th. 1705, before Wm. Peartree, Mayor.

[page 121] Recorded for Stephen Valleau, the 5th. day of June, Anno. Dom. 1705.

Indenture of Daniell Streing, son of Mr. Daniell

Streing of Westchester County, to Stephen Valleau, Cooper, for four years from November 1st. 1704.

Usual Conditions except that Master is not to provide clothing. With proviso as follows: "And I Said Daniell father of the Said Daniell Streing my Son I doe promise to furnish and provide him Cloth Shoes Stockings Shirts and all things Sufficient for his Own body & Schooll which he Shall the time of Six Month Every Year which I Master granted for his Learning and if in Cause God afflict him of Sickness I Said Master Shall Satisfy the Doctor and Maintaining him."

Signed June 4th. 1705. by Daniel Streing, Daniel Streing, S. Valleau.

Witnesses Pierre Bontecon, John David.

Acknowledged before William Peartree, Mayor.

[page 123] Recorded the 30th. day of July, Anno. Dom. 1705, for James Bussey.

Indenture of Cornelis Vanosten, with the consent of his mother, and father in law, John Foster, to James Bussey, Cordwainer, for four years from July 30th. 1705.

Usual form, except that master further agrees "to allow him Evening Schooling Every winter from Christmas as is Customary * * * and to make him A Freeman of the City according to Law."

Signed, July 30th. 1705, by Cornelis Vanosten.

In the presence of John Foster, Ben: Hildreth, Abrah. Van Vlecq.

Acknowledged before Wm. Peartree, Mayor.

[page 124] Recorded for Mr Isaac Rodriques Marques, the 24th. day of August, Anno. Dom. 1705.

Indenture of Solomon Gabey, aged 16 years, with the Consent of his father, Isaac Gabey, Merchant, to Isaac Rodriques Marques, Merchant, for four years from date.

Usual form. Signed December 1st. 1704, by Solomon Gabey.

In the presence of Will. Sharpas, Isaac Gabey.

Acknowledged August 24th. 1705, before Robt. Lurting.

[page 126] Recorded for Dirck Hoghlandt, Baker & Bolter, y^e^ 24th. of August, Anno. Dom. 1705.

Indenture of Isaac Blanck, aged 16 years, with the consent of his father, to Dirck Hoghlandt, Bolter and Baker, for four years from date.

Usual form. Signed, May 1st. 1705, by Isaac Blanck.

In the presence of Barent Hybon, Will. Sharpas.

Acknowledged, August 24th. 1705, before Wm Peartree, Mayor.

[page 127] Recorded for Mr. David Vilant, the 29th. day of August, Anno. Dom. 1705.

Indenture made August 3d. 1705 between David Vilant and Elizabeth his wife, and Mary Berry, by which Mary Berry apprentices herself as a Servant for seven years from date.

Usual form. A supplementary clause provides that all clothing given to Mary Berry shall not be taken from her at the expiration of the term.

Signed August 3d. 1705 by David Vilant, Mary Berry.

In the presence of Geo. Duncan, Barth. Feurt.

Acknowledged August 29th. 1705, before William Peartree, Mayor.

[page 128] Recorded for James Bussey, the 6th. day of November, Anno. Dom. 1705.

Indenture of William Breadsteede to James Bussey, Cordwainer, for four years from October 17th, 1705.

Usual form except that Apprentice only agrees to obey his Masters Commands, keep his secrets, faithfully serve him, not absent himself without permission, and

behave himself generally. Besides the usual covenant the Master further agrees as follows: "and also to pay or Cause to be paid unto his Said Apprentice att the Expiration of Every twelve Months the Sum of three pounds and also to lett him have in Every winter three Months Learning att any Evening School within this City & to pay for the Same.

Signed, November 1st, 1705. by William Breeste.

In the presence of Jno. Basford.

Acknowledged November 1st. 1705, before Joh. Jansen, Justice of the Peace.

[page 129] Recorded for William Bickley, Merchant, y^e^ 26th. day of January, 1705.

Indenture of William Cook, with the Consent of his mother, Eliz^a^ Browne, to William Bickley, Shopkeeper, and Susana his wife, for seven years from May 1st, 1705.

Usual form. Signed May 24th, 1705, by William Cook.

In the presence of Abraham Van Vlecq, Walter Thong.

Acknowledged June 9th, 1705 before Rip Van Dam, Justice of the Peace.

Acknowledged January 24th. 1705, before Robt. Lurting, Justice of the Peace.

[page 131] Recorded for Edward Burling, the Eighth day of February, Anno. 1705.

This Indenture made the Nineteenth day of May 1705 and in the fourth year of the Reign of our Soveraign Lady Anne Now Queen of England, &c: between John Berry of the City of New York and his Grandson Richard Berry of the one part and Edward Burley of the aforesaid City Joiner of the Other part Wittnesseth that the Said John Berry doth Covenant

and agree for himself his Executors and Admrs and for his Said Grandson Richard Berry that he the Said Richard Berry shall well and faithfully Serve and abide with the Said Edward Burley during the Space of Six Years from the date hereof and that the Said Richard Berry during the time aforesaid the Lawfull Commands of the Said Edward Burley Shall readily Obey and in all things Shall behave himselfe as A good and faithfull Servant during the aforesaid Terme and the Said Edward Burley in Consideration of the promises doth Covenant and Agree to and with the Said John Berry and his Said Grandson Richard Berry that he the Said Edward Burley Shall and will doe his best Endeavour to teach him the Said Richard Berry the Trade of a Joyner and Shall and will during the Terme aforesaid finde and provide for the Said Richard Berry good and Sufficient meat drinke washing Lodging and all Nessessary Clothing and Apparell.

In Wittness whereof the Said parties have interchangeably hereunto fixed their Seals and Subscribed their Names the day and year first above written

John Berry,
Edward Burling.
the mark of Richard R. (B.) Berry.

Sealed & delivered in the presence of
Hannah Wolley,
John Cruger.

Sealed & delivered by Richard Berry in the presence of us
Frans Wessells,
Anthony Ham.

Memorandum that on the eighth day of February Anno Dom 1705 personally Came before me the within Named Apprentice Richard Berry and acknowledged the within written Indenture of Apprenticeship to be his Voluntary Act and Deed.

Robt. Lurting, Alderman.

[page 132] Recorded for Edward Burling, the 8th. day of February, Anno. Dom. 1705.

Indenture of Benjamin Burling, aged 16 years, with the consent of his mother, to his brother, Edward Burling, Joyner, for four years from February 1st. 1705.

Usual form, with clause added that the master shall give the apprentice at the expiration of the time the sum of Six pounds ten shillings.

Signed, February 8th, 1705, by Benjamin Burling.

In the presence of Robt Lurting, Alderman, Will. Sharpas.

[page 133] Recorded for Joshua Sollise, Taylor, the 10th. day of April, Anno. Dom. 1706.

Indenture of Ambrose Stolle, son of Pontus Stolle to Joshua Sollise, Taylor, for ten years from April 10th. 1705.

Usual form. "And the first year of his Apprenticeship his Said Master Shall put the Said Apprentice to School" &c.

Signed April 10th, 1705, by Ambrose Stelle.

In the presence of Gabriel Stelle, Will. Bradford.

Acknowledged, April 9th, 1706. before William Peartree, Mayor.

[page 135] Recorded for Christopher Giliard, the 19th. day of May, Anno. Dom. 1706.

Indenture of Thomas Hill, aged 12 years with the consent of William Hollins, his father in law to Christopher Giliard, Cordwainer, for seven years from May 14th. 1705.

Usual form. Master shall also teach apprentice to read and Write English.

Signed May 14th. 1705, by Thomas Hill.

In the presence of John Sheppard, David Vilant.

Acknowledged before William Peartree, Mayor.

[page 136] Recorded for William Jackson, the 17th. day of July, Anno. Dom. 1706.

Indenture made March 27th. 1706, between Thunis Quick and William Jackson, Cordwainer, whereby Thomas Quick binds himself to William Jackson as an Apprentice to learn the trade of a Shoemaker, for Seven years from date.

Usual form, except that Apprentice "shall not frequent Taverns Inns or Alehouses (except itt be about his Masters business there to be done)"

Signed March 27th. 1706 Thunis Quick.

In the presence of Margareta Drayer, Jacob Dekey, S. Broughton.

Acknowledged July 17th. 1706 before William Peartree, Mayor.

[page 138] Recorded for Capt Benjamin Norwood, the Ninth day of October, Anno. 1706.

Indenture made October 9th. 1706, between Benjamin Norwood, Marriner, and Richard Norwood, Jun^{r}, Son of Richard Norwood of Philadelphia, Pa. whereby Richard Norwood Jun^{r}, binds himself with the consent of his father to Benjamin Norwood for five years from the date hereof.

Usual form. Master shall also at the expiration of the term "give unto his Said Apprentice Some Nessessary books & Instruments for the Art of Navigation."

Signed October 9th. 1706, by Richard Norwood.

In the presence of John Tuder, Recorder, James Seton, Will. Sharpas.

[page 140] Recorded for Abraham Splinter, the Ninth day of January, Anno. Dom. 1706.

Indenture of Thomas Bayley, with the consent of John Basford, his kinsman, to Abraham Splinter, Cordwainer, for four years from date.

Usual form. Signed, June 19th. 1705. by Thomas Bayley, John Basford.

In the presence of Johannes V. Vorst, Joh : Jansen.

Acknowledged June 20th. 1705, before Joh: Jansen, Justice of the Peace.

Consent of Isaac Hayselbury, father in law of Thomas Bayley, Acknowledged October 2d. 1706, before William Peartree, Mayor.

[page 141] Recorded for Mr. Nathaniell Marston, y^e^ 18th. day of January, Anno. 1706.

Indenture of John Stout, with the consent of his mother, to Nathaniell Marston, Barber, for six years from January 28th. 1706.

Usual form. Signed January 28th. 1705/6 by John Stout, Amerancey Stout.

In the presence of. Wm. Peartree, Peter Mathews.

Acknowledged, January 17th. 1706/7 before Richard Willett, Alderman.

[page 143] Recorded for Nicholas Vanderspiegel, the 21st. day of January, Anno. Dom. 1706.

Indenture of Lodewick Thomas, son of Lawrens Thomas, to Nicholas Vanderspiegel, "to Learn the Trade of Glaseren" for five years from January 1st. 1706/7.

Usual form. Master to give Apprentice "Every winter three Months Evening Schooling."

Signed January 3d. 1706/7, by Loodwyck Toomas.

In the presence of B. Rynders, Jacobus Vanderspiegel.

Acknowledged January 4th. 1706/7 before Barent Rynders, Justice of the Peace.

[page 144] Recorded for John Stephens, the 21st. day of January, Anno. Dom. 1706.

Indenture of Abraham Bargeau, son of James Bargeau, Shipwright, to John Stephens, Cordwainer, for six years from September 3rd. 1705.

Usual form. After the provision that Master shall at the expiration of time furnish Clothing follows: "also Shall his Said Apprentice Cause to be taught to read and write & Arithmetick in English and one Sett of working Geere."

Signed, December 8th. 1705, by Abraham Bargeau.

In the presence of Josue David, Tho. Adams.

Acknowledged by Abraham and James Bargeau, December 9th. 1705, before, Wm. Peartree, Mayor.

[page 145] Recorded for John Stephens, the 21st. day of January, Anno. Dom. 1706.

Indenture of Simon Cregeare, with the consent of Nicholas Dally, his brother in law, to John Stephens, Cordwainer, for six years from April 12th. 1706.

Usual form, Apprentice also "to be taught to write and read English." Signed April 12th. 1706. by Simon Cregeare.

In the presence of Stephen Jamain, Tho. Adams.

Acknowledged by Simon Cregeare and Nicholas Dally, April 18th. 1706, before William Peartree, Mayor.

[page 147] Recorded for John Stephens, the 21st. day of January, Anno. Dom. 1706.

Indenture of Claes Symons, aged 16 years, with the consent of his father Symon Claes, Marriner, to John Stephens Cordwainer, for five years from September 21st. 1706.

Usual form. Apprentice "to be taught to read

and write." Signed September 21st. 1706, by Claes Symons.

In the presence of Symon Claese, Will. Sharpas.

Acknowledged same date by Claes Symons and Symon Claese, before B. Rynders, Justice.

[page 148] Recorded for Capt. Michael Bassett, y^e^ 3d. day of March, Anno. Dom. 1706/7.

Indenture of John Crego, son of John Crego, deceased, to Michael Bassett, Marriner, for seven years from February 17th. 1707. Usual form. Signed, February 17th. 1707, by John Crego, William White.

In the presence of Edward Burling, Richard Ray.

Acknowledged, February 19th. 1706, by John Crego and William White his father in law, before William Peartree, Mayor.

[page 150] Recorded for John Sheppard, the 8th. day of March, Anno. Dom. 1706/7.

Indenture of Thomas Marriott, with the consent of his aunt, Elizabeth Macklennan, to John Sheppard, Cooper, for five years and a half from February 18th. 1707.

Usual form. Signed, February 18th. 1706, by Tho. Marriott.

In the presence of Edward Pennant, George Wakling.

Acknowledged March 7th. 1706/7, by Thomas Marriott and "Elizabeth Macklennan, his Aunt, to whose Care he was Committed," before William Peartree, Mayor.

[page 151] Recorded for William Horsewell, the 16th. day of April, Anno. Dom, 1707.

New York ss.

Indenture of Francis Bassett, son of Francis Bassett late of this Province, with the consent of his Mother Marie Magdelen, to William Horsewell, Pewterer, and "Hannah his wife if She Shall Survive him and Continue in the State of Widdowhood and also shall think fitt to prosecute and Carry on the Said Trade" * * * as "An Apprentice within the Province of New York and in no Other place" for seven years from date.

Usual form, with additions as above. Also additional provision by Master and Mistress as follows: "And the Said William Horsewell and Hannah his wife doth hereby promise that in Case of Mortality of Either of them the Survivor will not for any Cause or under any pretence whatsoever without the Consent of him the Said Apprentice and Such of his Relations as he the Said Apprentice Shall think fitt to take Advice from."

Signed, May 1st. 1706, by Frances Bassett.

In the Presence of Barth. Feurt, Edward Pennant.

Acknowledged April 15th. 1707, by Francis Bassett, and his mother Maria Magdelen Bassett, before William Peartree, Mayor.

[page 153] Recorded for Henry Swift, the 18th. day of April, Anno. Dom. 1707.

Indenture of Anne Swinney, daughter of Anne Davis, as Apprentice to Henry Swift, Vintner, for ten years from date.

Usual form. Signed, April 15th. 1706, by Anne Swinney.

In the presence of J. Stevens, Thomas Hooton, Anne Davis.

Acknowledged April 18th. 1707, before William Peartree, Mayor.

[page 154] Recorded for John Rolland, the 18th. day of June, Anno. Dom. 1707.

Indenture of Nathaniell Rambart, son of Elias Rambart, Boatman, deceased, with the consent of his friends, to Capt. John Rowland, Marriner, for seven years from June 7th. 1707.

Usual form. Signed, June 7th, 1707, by Nathaniel Rembert.

In the presence of Gerret Keteltas, A. Keteltas.

Acknowledged June 18th, 1707, before William Peartree, Mayor.

[page 155] Recorded for Jacob Teneyck, the 26th. day of June, Anno. Dom. 1707.

Indenture of William Beeck with the Consent of his father Cornelis Beeck "to the Trade Cordwinder or Shomaker put himself Apprentice to Mr. Jacob Tenick" for five years from June 15th, 1707.

Usual form. Apprentice to have "Every winter Evening Schooling."

Signed, June 20th. 1707, by William Beck, Cornelis Beeck.

In the presence of Hendrick V. Dhoul, Leonard Lewis.

Acknowledged June 26th, 1707, by Cornelis Beck and William Beeck, before Barened Rynder, Justice of the Peace.

[page 157] Recorded for Edward Burling, the 8th. day of October, Anno. Dom. 1707.

Indenture of John Vignoud Tillou, aged 15 years, with the consent of his mother, to Edward Burling, Joyner, from November 6th. 1706, for five years.

Usual form. Apprentice to be taught "to read write

& Cypher English." Signed November 6th, 1706, by Jean Vignau Tillou.

In the presence of F. Vincent, Benjamin D'hariette.

Acknowledged, October 8th, 1707, before David Provoost, Alderman of the North Ward and Justice of the Peace.

[page 158] Recorded for Cornelius Clopper, the first day of November, Anno. Dom. 1707.

Indenture of John Van Aarmen, with the consent of his mother Sara Van Aarmen, to Cornelius Clopper, Cordwainer, for six and a half years from August 1st, 1707.

Usual form. Apprentice "shall be allowed every year three Months Evening Schooling & four New Shirts & four New Neckcloths." Signed August 26th, 1707. by Cornlius Clopper, John Van Aarmen.

In the presence of Jacob Van Duerse, Jacobus Goelet.

[page 160] Recorded for John Troop, the 10th. day of November, Anno. Dom. 1707.

Indenture of Peter Bouquett, aged 15 years, with the consent of his father Francis Bouquett, to John Troop, Barber and Perriwigmaker, for five and a half years from October 11th. 1707.

Usual form. Apprentice "to goe to School at Night when his Master can Spare him." Signed, October 11th, 1707. by Pierre Bouquet.

In the presence of Francis Bouquet, Paul Droilhet, Walter Thong, Just. Peace & Alderman.

[page 161] Recorded for John Troop, the 29th. day of January, Anno. Dom. 1707.

Indenture of Robert Anderson, son of Robert Anderson, Porter, deceased, aged 16 years, to John Troop,

Barber and Perriwigmaker, for five and a half years from January 29th. 1707.

Usual form. Apprentice to receive at expiration of time, Seven pounds Seven Shillings. Signed, January 29th, 1707, by Robert Anderson.

In the presence of Rich[d] Willett, Alderman, Robert Nisbett, Robert Drummond.

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